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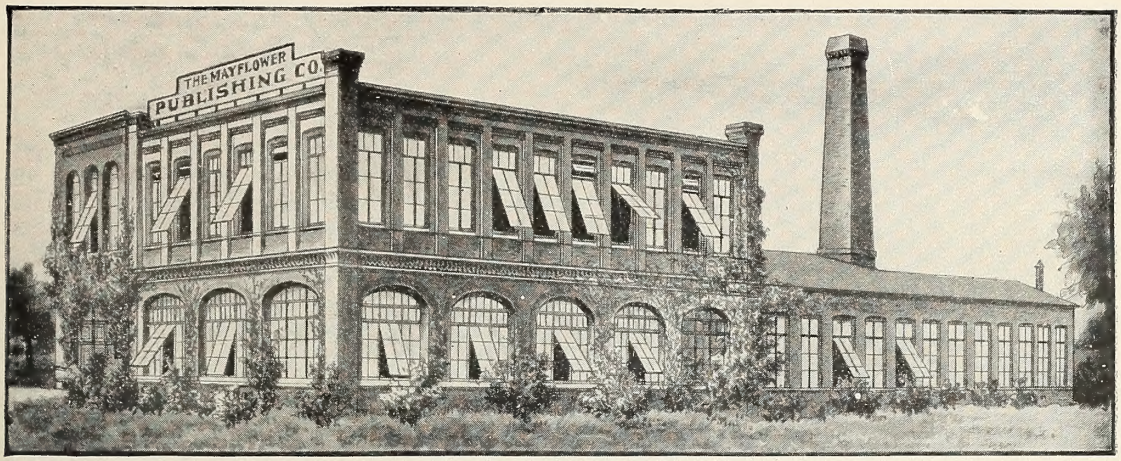

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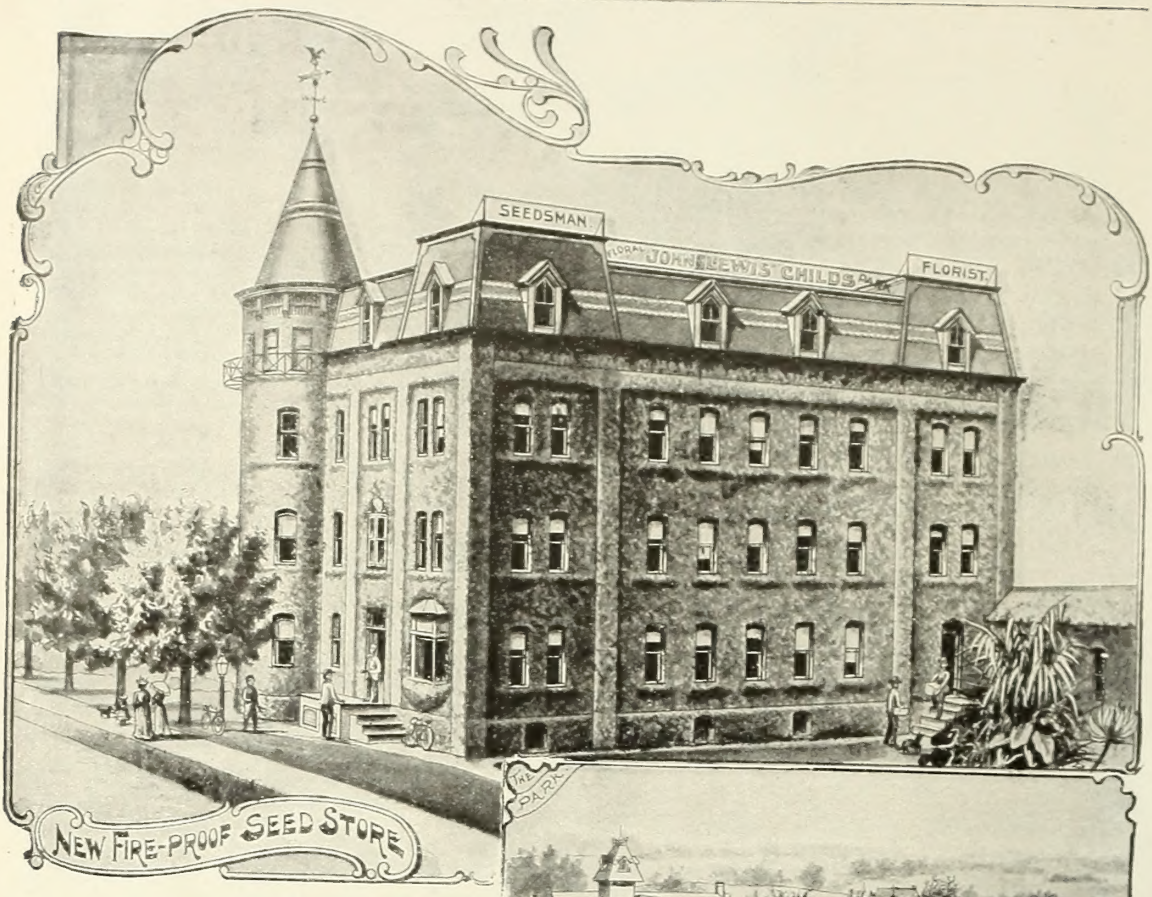

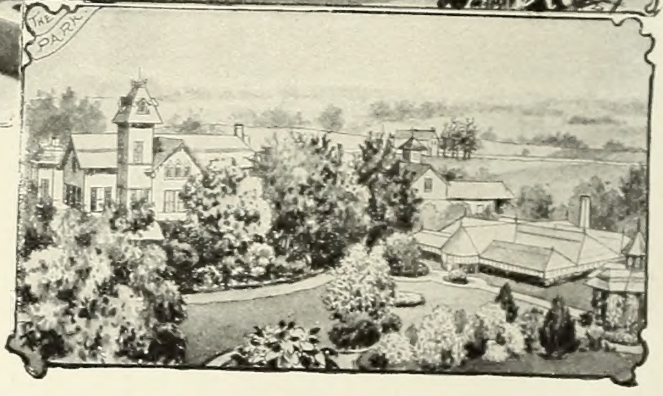

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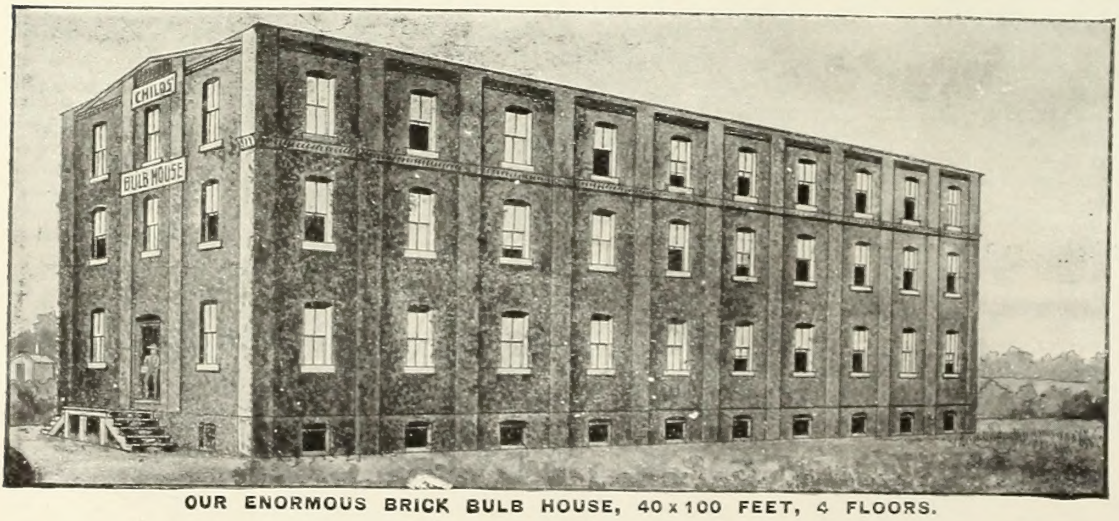

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We wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.

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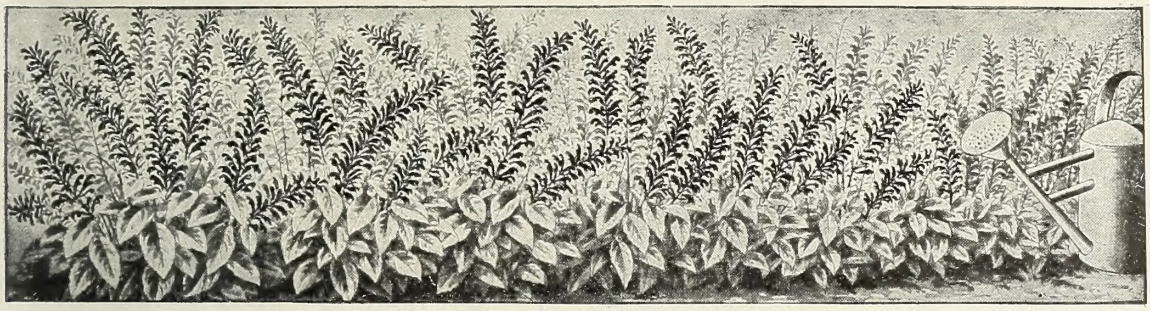

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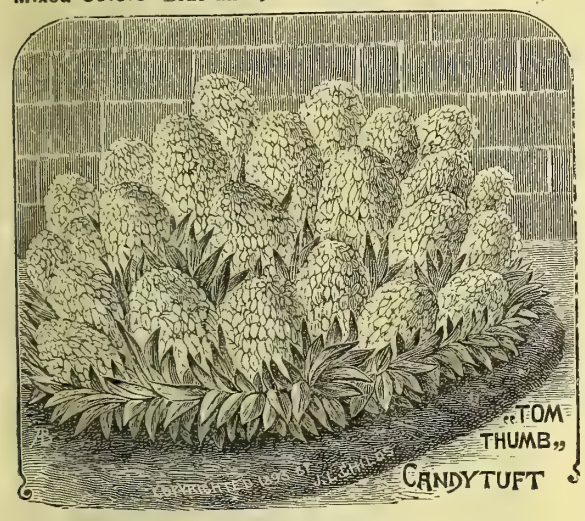

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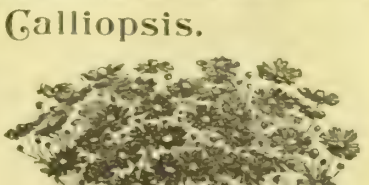
Americana Gigantea—A giant-flowering Centaurea, with white blossoms full 4 inches across. The petals are so constructed as to resemble rich lace work.....10

Calliopsis.

The Calliopsis, or Coreopsis, is one of our brightest, cheeriest annuals, and as easy to grow as any weed. Sow in open ground early, and thin to six inches apart. The myriads of gay flowers, poised on long foot-stalks above the foliage, make a mass or bed of these a dazzling sight.



CALLIOPSIS.

Dwarf Compact—Mixed colors. Compact habit.....5

New Double—This new double form is most desirable as it blooms continually in any soil or situation.....10

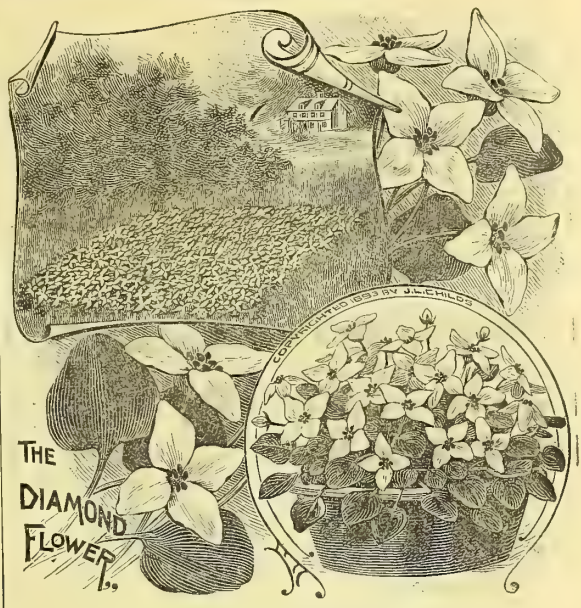
Feverfew.

Fine border plants that are always in flower. They bloom quickly from seed, and are extra good for cutting. They also make fine plants for winter blooming in pots. Flowers large and double like Roses, and very profusely borne at all times of the year. Habit, dwarf and compact, making them very desirable either for garden or pots.

Little Belle—Fine snow white, very dwarf..... 5
Little Fred—Pure golden yellow, very dwarf..... 5
Capensis, fl. pl.—The fine old double white Feverfew..... 5
Eximia Grandiflora—Flowers enormous in size, as double as Roses, and pure snow white. A most superb pot plant, blooming all the year round.....10
Golden Feather—Beautiful yellow foliage..... 5

Gaillardia Perfection.

These are aptly called the Chrysanthemum Gaillardias, owing to their great size, brilliant colors and double and perfect blossoms. Flowers are enormous size, perfectly double, and borne in great profusion all summer, while the colors and variegations are the most brilliant and beautiful imaginable, scarlet, red, orange, purple, lemon, buff, etc. As pot plants they are also exquisite. Start seed early.....10

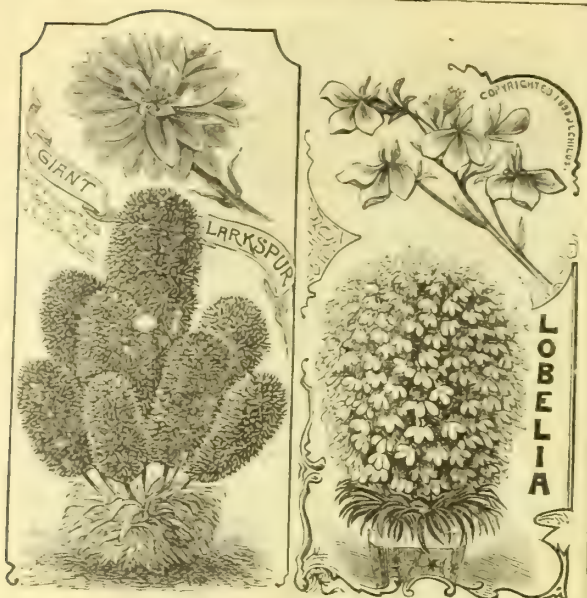


Diamond Flower.

A dainty little annual with tufts of tiny foliage and beautiful little white and violet-blue flowers that bloom within a month from the time seed is sown. It will grow in the open ground, over rock-work or in pots, never exceeding three inches in height, and rarely two. The tiny flowers have a glistening sheen that has given them their name of Diamond Flower, and being surmounted by a wealth of bright green foliage, they show to wonderful advantage. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where plants are growing, and within a month you will have the most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss—that you ever saw. In the garden it will grow and seed all summer, covering the ground with a perfect carpet of beauty..10

Annual Hollyhocks.

A new strain of Hollyhock which grows quickly and flowers in August and September from spring seed sown in the open ground. Flower stalks not quite so tall as other Hollyhocks, but the flowers are large, showy and of various colors, both double and single. In fact they are as good as the perennial sorts. Mixed all colors.....10



Larkspur.

An old-fashioned, but none the less valuable annual, with large, compact spikes of showy flowers, in shades of white, pink, red, blue, etc. Sow early in open ground Per pkt

Hyacinth-Flowered—Great Hyacinth-like spikes of large double flowers. Mixed colors..... 5

Lobelia.

Charming little plants for small beds, edging baskets, etc. Graceful and pretty, and colors exceedingly clear. A most charming pot plant for window culture, blooming in four weeks and making the prettiest little pot flowers.

Crystal Palace—Dark blue, best for bedding 5

Mixed Colors—All the best, some with golden foliage..... 5

Marigold.

Petted by our grandmothers, neglected by our mothers, now once more on the high wave of popularity. Bright, showy flowers, that need only the slighest care to do well and blossom freely.

French, Mixed Colors—Double flowers, rich, dark shade.. 5

Dahlia Flowered—Very rank and tall, studded with enormous double Dahlia-like flowers. The colors range from the palest canary-yellow to a deep, full orange..... 5

Legion of Honor—A most sterling variety. Plant very dwarf and compact, bearing its flowers well above the foliage. These are of large size, and exceedingly striking, owing to the wide contrast in their colors. The centre of the flower is a bright brownish red, while the outer half is fine golden yellow. It is really the prettiest Marigold we have ever seen, and should be in every garden. It blooms profusely all summer, and in autumn especially, the whole plant is a solid pyramid of bloom. 5

Myosotis.

The beautiful Forget-me-not is a synonym for faithfulness and undying affection. Beautiful for shady nooks and quiet beds, and exquisite for cutting and for wearing. Like the Pansy there is something almost human in the expression of these modest little flowers, that look you fearlessly in the eyes as though they had something to tell you. Though perennials, they bloom the first season. Fine for pot culture in a shady window where few plants will bloom. Per pkt.

Palustrus—Elegant blue flowers of large size..... 5

Dwarf, Mixed Colors—Bushy growth, large blossoms..... 5

Triumph—This is a splendid new, large-flowering sort which will bloom in 6 to 8 weeks from seed..... 10

Nymphæa.

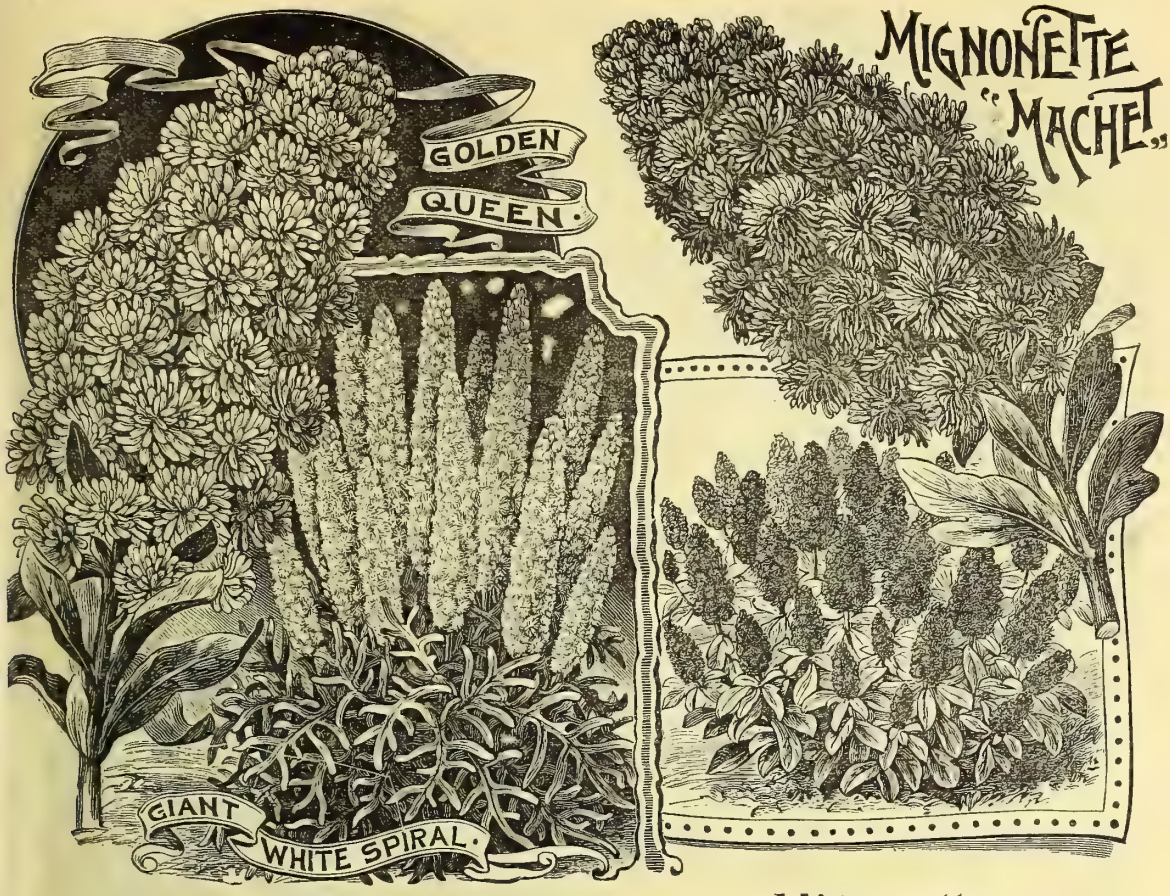
Lovely Pond Lilies of which everyone is so fond. Many of the new foreign varieties grow and bloom from seed the first year, and among them there are a great variety of colors, white, yellow, blue, purple, etc. Seed should be sown in a pan or saucer of mud just covered with water. In a warm temperature they will germinate quickly, and grow rapidly. These Lilies have a fragrance rich and peculiar.

Zanzibarensis—The grand African Water Lily, with enormous incurved flowers of the most exquisite coloring, and so profuse blooming that a tub of them is never without flowers from early summer until frost. They grow so rapidly that they will bloom in ten weeks from seed, and are so little trouble anyone can succeed with them. Give them a very rich soil, full sun, and shallow water to start in. Mixed colors..... 20

Coerulea—Four inches across, and of a beautiful lavender-blue color. Remarkable fragrance 10

Odorata Alba—Native pure white Water Lily..... 10

Nelumbium, or Egyptian Lotus—This is the grand and ancient Egyptain Lotus, a Water Lily of great size and surpassing beauty. It should be planted in rich mud, with one or two feet of water. It flowers the first season, its flower stems raising out of the water to the height of four or six feet, surmounted by a great double pink or white flower, which is a foot or more across. Either in pots or tubs it blooms from July to October... 20



ALLEN'S GIANT POT MIGNONETTE.

Allen's Giant Mignonette.

This is decidedly the largest and finest Mignonette ever grown. It is fine in the open ground, but grows to best advantage as a winter bloomer in pots. With good care it produces spikes over a foot in length, and of enormous size. Superb as a cut flower. Very fragrant.....10

Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive word could well be found for the sweet, homely flower that by its merits alone has won its way as the favorite of all, though hundreds of showier flowers were its rivals. No garden is complete without its plot of Mignonette, no nosegay finished without its sprig of this sweet smelling flower. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower, and believe no finer seed can be procured anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming, and in pots any time for the window. Per pkt.

Common Sweet—The old small-flowered variety; very sweet. Per oz., 20c..... 5

Goliath—Beyond all question the finest variety of Mignonette yet introduced. It has compact growth with rich green foliage. Flower stalks strong and stiff with giant trusses of flowers, reaching in the open ground a length of 7 inches and a diameter of more than 2 inches. The single flowers measure up to ½ inch in diameter; the color is the richest yet seen, being a deep brick-red, much deeper and better than any other so-called red-flowering variety. In every respect it is fine.....10

Giant White Spiral—First introduced by us several years ago. Very distinct from all other sorts; rank, luxuriant foliage, deeply cut and decidedly ornamental. Each plant bears great quantities of large, snow-white spikes, that are very pretty for cutting and for small bouquets. Grows and blooms in any situation..... 5

Machet—One of the finest. Plants bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick-red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure.....10

Improved Victoria—This new Mignonette is one of the most desirable novelties we have seen for a long time. It grows only six to twelve inches in height and is sure to put every lover of flowers in ecstasy by its perfectly regular, pyramidal habit and the beautifully formed spikes of the prettiest red Mignonette flowers ever seen. Its large compact spikes are exceedingly fragrant, seeming to surpass in this respect all other varieties...10

New Mixed Sorts—A fine mixture of a lot of new large-flowering sorts, representing a range of shades varying from brown-red to yellow. A most magnificent mixture and will give a varied and beautiful bed.....10

SPECIAL OFFER—*One pkt. each of the above 6 sorts for 25c.*

Nasturtium.

If we were asked to name the six best annuals, the Nasturatum would be one of them. They are so easy to grow that a six-year-old child could plant them and care for them, and they have every good quality of a bedding plant—compact habit, attractive foliage, intensely bright and beautiful flowers, borne profusely the whole season, not troubled by insects, and standing dry weather well. Do not let seed form, and plant on thin soil. Per pkt.

Lady Bird—A beautiful bright yellow, stained and blotched with deep crimson 5

Empress of India—A fine variety with dark purplish foliage and very dark, rich crimson flowers. Grand for edging or ribbon beds, as its color is noticeable 10

King Theodore—Darkest of all, almost black in color 5

Golden King—One of the loveliest shades of yellow 5

Coccinea—Bright, flashing scarlet 5

Pearl—The nearest white. Good for contrast 5

Rose—A lovely soft shade of rose 5

Spotted—Gorgeous in colors and markings 5

Beauty—Deep yellow, marked with bright scarlet 5

King of Tom Thumbs—Deep, velvety scarlet, with handsome dark foliage. Very fine 5

Ruby King—An elegant new sort, with flowers of large size and rich ruby color. A grand sort 10

Dwarf Caprice—Like the climbing variety, except it is dwarf. It bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated 10

One packet each of the above 12 for 50c.

Tom Thumb, Fine Mixed—Per oz., 20c; per lb. $1.50 5

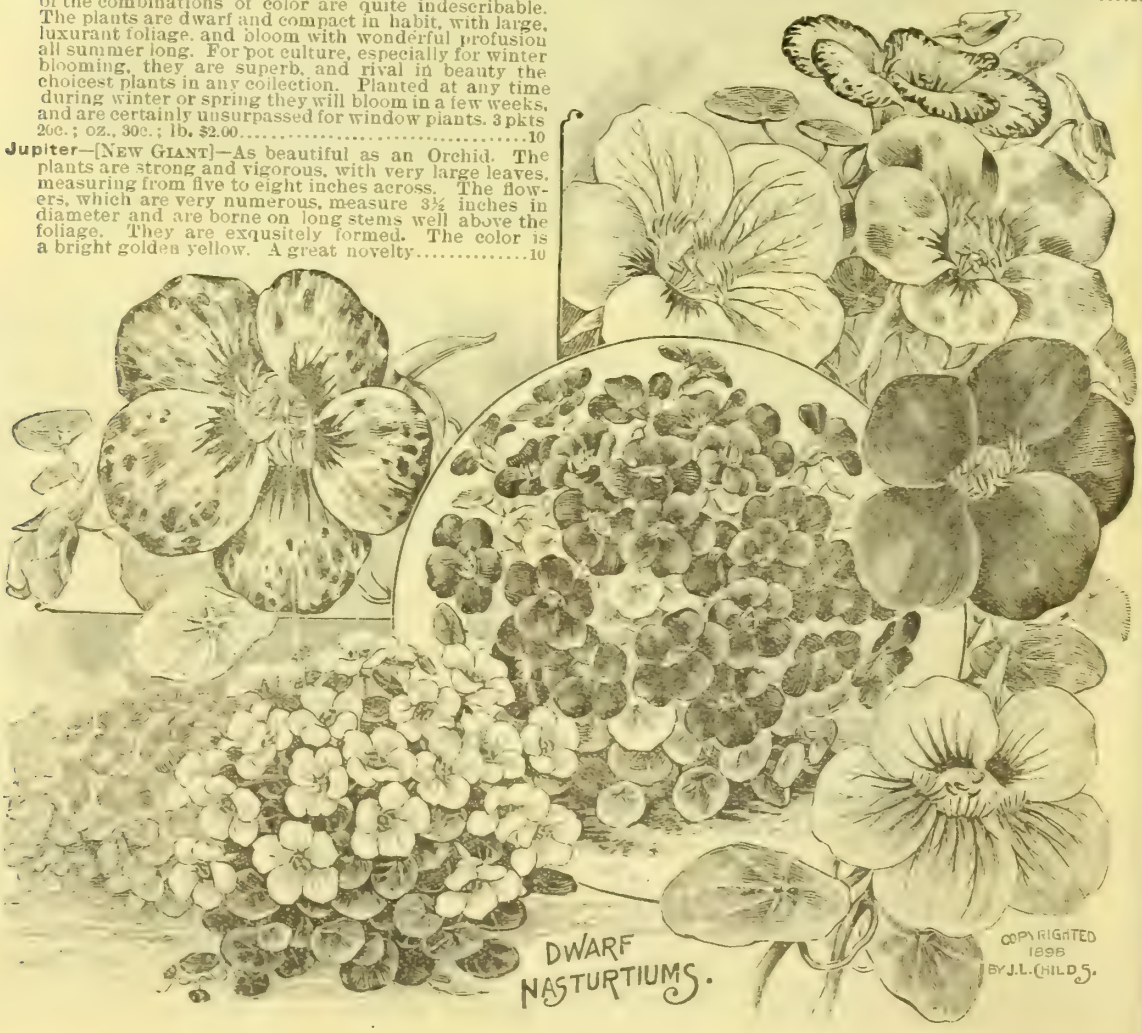
Giant-Flowered Tom Thumb, Mixed—The blossoms are simply enormous in size, and there is a marvellous range of colors and an infinite variety of new shades. Clear golden-yellow, salmon-pink, red, golden-brown, all shades of yellow variegated with red and brown, canary color, terra cotta, orange and black, with all combinations, making a most brilliant showing. Some of the combinations of color are quite indescribable. The plants are dwarf and compact in habit, with large, luxurant foliage, and bloom with wonderful profusion all summer long. For pot culture, especially for winter blooming, they are superb, and rival in beauty the choicest plants in any collection. Planted at any time during winter or spring they will bloom in a few weeks, and are certainly unsurpassed for window plants. 3 pkts 20c.; oz., 30c.; lb. $2.00 10

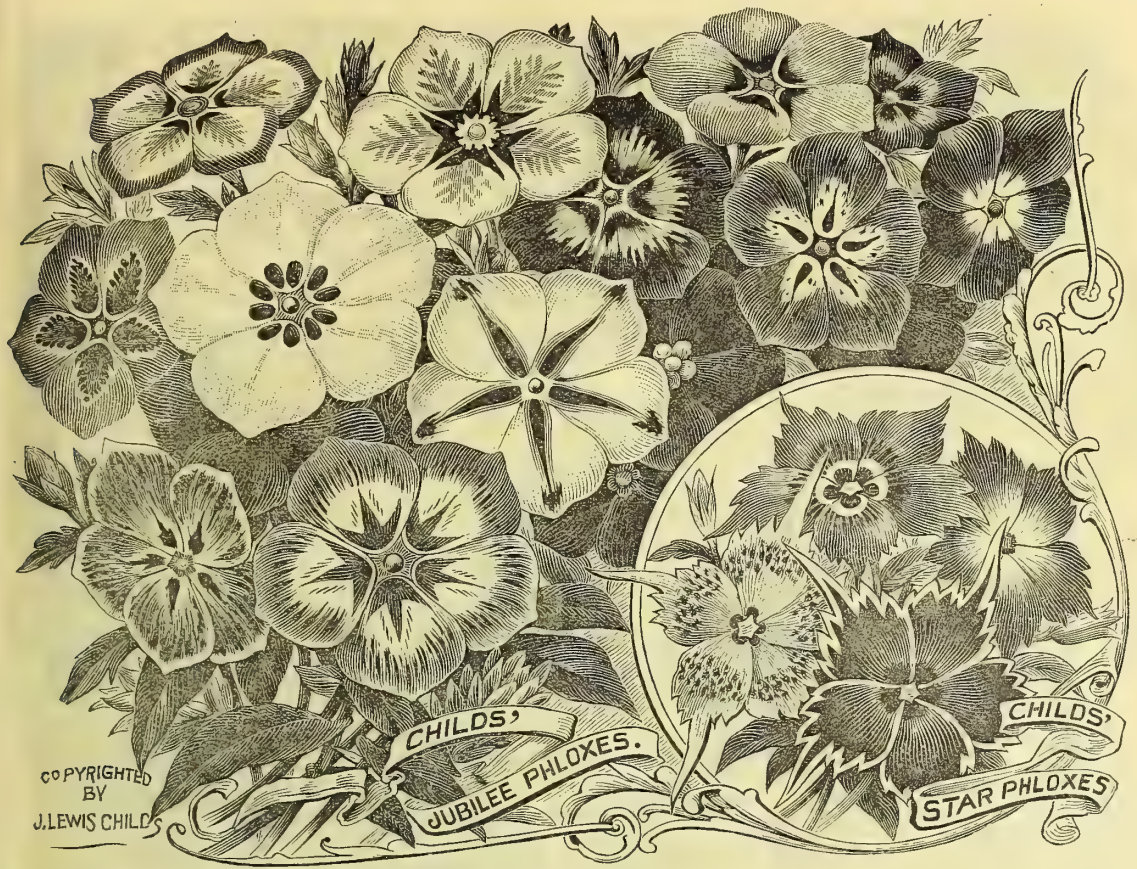
Jupiter—[New Giant]—As beautiful as an Orchid. The plants are strong and vigorous, with very large leaves, measuring from five to eight inches across. The flowers, which are very numerous, measure 3½ inches in diameter and are borne on long stems well above the foliage. They are exquisitely formed. The color is a bright golden yellow. A great novelty 10

GOLDEN LEAVED NASTURITUM.

Nasturtium Golden Leaved.

A new dwarf Nasturtium with very brilliant flowers ranging from scarlet to yellow, and golden yellow foliage. The contrast is most striking and the effect beautiful and odd beyond expression. As garden or pot plants they are unique, combining highly ornamental foliage and showy flowers. Mixed colors. Oz., 30c 10





Phlox Drummondi.

One of the very best of all bedding annuals is the Phlox Drummondi, surpassing almost everything else in dazzling brilliancy. We may well be proud of this distinctively American flower, for it is extremely beautiful, neat in growth and an extraordinary bloomer. The newest sorts of Phlox are so far ahead of the older varieties that we have discarded all the latter, and offer now none but those beautiful new ones of recent introduction. The Phlox make beautiful ribbon beds when different colors are sown side by side, and are also grand for masses of solid color. Per pkt.

Mixed—Thirty different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz., $1.00 5

Coccinea—A rich, velvety scarlet 5

Fancy Striped—Very novel and beautiful. Many distinct colors, but all striped with white 5

Grover Cleveland—A grand bedding sort; large, pure white flowers, with radiant crimson center. Very fine 5

Rosea Alba Oculata—A clear, deep rose, with large, pure white eye. A charming color 5

Alba—Large pure white without markings of any kind 5

Stellata—Of the most dazzling, deepest scarlet, with a contrasting eye of the snowiest white. This is a wonderfully brilliant bedder, giving a blaze of color 5

Double—The strain here offered is most excellent and a large per cent. of the plants will produce fine double flowers in great clusters; white and yellow mixed 10

Childs' Jubilee—Flowers of great substance, beautiful form and uncommon size, while the colors are extraordinarily rich and varied, glowing crimson, dazzling scarlet, deep rose, soft pink, pale blush, maroon-black, lavender-purple, pure white, and numberless other rare shades, many with contrasting eyes, stripes or featherings. In habit these new Phloxes are erect, and bear their velvety blossoms in great profusion, making them unrivalled for bedding. They are of dwarf, stout, branching habit, and the individual flowers are the size of a twenty-dollar gold coin. The grandest of all Phloxes known to cultivation 10

Childs' Star—Large size and curiously pointed, fringed and toothed blossoms—utterly unlike anything else—colors of every conceivable shade, more than a hundred distinct tints, shades and combinations having been counted among them. Scarcely two plants can be found of the same shape and color 10

***SPECIAL OFFER**—For only 50c. we will send one packet each of these 10 finest Phloxes.*

CHILDS' JUBILEE PHLOX.

This cut shows a blooming plant of Childs' Jubilee Phlox grown in a pot. Seed sown any time during winter will soon make flowering plants that will surpass all other window plants for brilliancy.

Petunia.

This is a flower for everybody. Few high priced and rare plants can begin to compare with the Petunia for beauty, and not half a dozen other flowers on our list are as showy in beds or masses. We once saw in front of a humble western cabin a great raised bed of Petunias, a perfect cloud of brilliant blossoms that could be seen far over the prairie, gleaming in purple and white, like some great star, and all this wealth of beauty was the product of a ten-cent paper of seed. The smallest yard and the finest park is not complete without these butterflies among flowers, that mind neither heat, drouth or rain, but bloom in profusion until the winter is almost upon us. The seed is best started in the house, and the young plants transplanted to open ground one foot apart, but if the soil is made very fine, seed can be sown in open ground and covered lightly. Per pkt.

Childs' New Hybrids—Striped, blotched and stained..... 5

Grandiflora Mixed—Very large flowers and fine colors, including blotched, bordered, striped, etc 5

Good Double Mixed—A fair strain of Double Petunia Seed which will give about 30 per cent. double.... 10

NEW GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

A giant-flowered strain which originated in California. They are truly magnificent in every sense of the word, and show great improvement over the best European strains. Flowers all beautifully fringed and undulated, of extraordinary size, and great variety of exquisite colors.

Clematis-Flowered—Pure white like a great Clematis....10

Giant Kermisina—Large, crimson-black.....10

The Rainbow Richly colored flowers with golden throat.10

Ring of Emerald—Large pink and crimson blossoms, deeply bordered with a green band.....10

Fringed Perfection—A highly perfected strain, the petals of which are deeply ruffled, and the ruffles in turn exquisitely fringed. A superb strain of the richest colors.10

Giant-Flowered Single, Mixed Colors—Enormous single flowers of a great variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful..... 15

Ruffled Giant—Flowers of this new strain are exceedingly deep-throated, and very large. They are ruffled, fluted and fringed, striped, blotched and of solid intense colors, with many combinations new in Petunias. It is a great strain which will surprise. 20

One package each of the above seven for 60c.

Childs' Monster Mixture—All sorts and varieties of the giant-flowered type. A grand mixture and will show a wide variety of beautiful forms and new brilliant colors.....25

DOUBLE GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

This is the choicest double Petunia seed that the world can furnish, and we stake our reputation upon it. A larger per cent. will produce double flowers than any other, and the flowers will be larger and better.

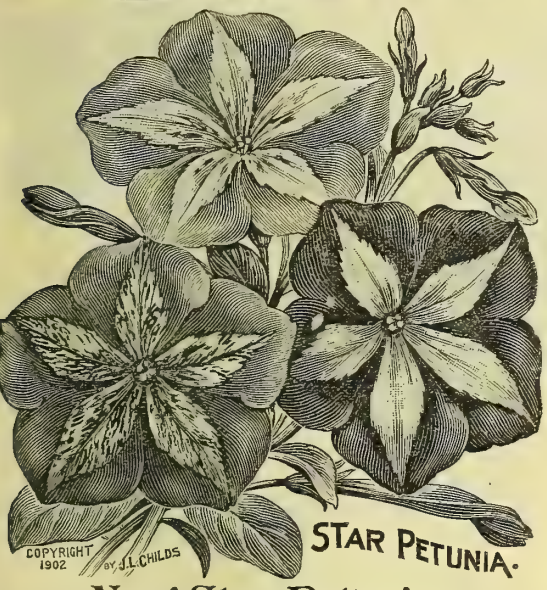
Giant-Flowered Double, Fringed, Mixed Colors—The largest and finest colored Double Petunias yet seen. Their size and beauty will be a revelation to all 20

Double White—Fine, pure white flowers, very double....20

Double Crimson—Intense crimson, large, double.....20

Double Rosea—Pink, and white, beautifully mottled.....20

Double Heliotrope—Beautiful Heliotrope blue.....20



New Star Petunia.

An entirely new, distinct, and in all respects a most superb Petunia which we offer now for the first time. Color dark, rich, velvety crimson, shaded maroon, with a most pronounced velvety texture. From the center of the flower the points of a five-rayed star appears, broadening half way up, then narrowing to a point near the margin of the flower. The star is mostly pure snowy white, but frequently light blush to pink. The effect is simply grand, and a bed of this Petunia or even a single plant is an object that catches every eye. Plants flower with prodigious freedom, a single plant often showing a hundred or more fully expanded blossoms. As a valuable new garden flower, this superb Petunia is equalled only by the Blue Butterfly Delphinium. It is one of the richest, most beautiful, profuse and refined of all garden annuals. As a pot plant it is also grand. Pkt. 15c.

Bouquet, Mixed Colors—Very hardy and strong, but the plants are dwarf, very bushy and compact, producing their bright blossoms in such wonderful profusion that each plant looks like a perfect bouquet set in the ground. As pot plants they are also very fine, and bloom incessantly both summer and winter.....10

Poppies.

Universal garden favorites from the days of our grandmothers. There is nothing more graceful than the silky blooms of single Poppies, nodding at the apex of their long wiry stalks like so many tropical butterflies that a passing zephyr might waft from their airy perch. There is nothing more gorgeous than the double Poppies, bursting with fullness, glowing with color, and like great Pæonies, or Snowballs in size. There are few flowers easier to grow, if the precaution is taken to sow early, and cover lightly, and none more useful to light up dark masses of shubbery, mixed borders, or dull bits of landscape. Do not wait for warm weather to sow your seed, but sow very early in the spring, that the plants may have their growth made, ready to bloom at the coming of warm weather. Per pkt.

Improved Shirley—No better flower seed novelty has been offered than this new strain of Shirley Poppy, grown, selected and improved by Mr. Wilks, the original introducer of the Shirley. Habit of plant dwrrf and stout; blossoms of enormous size, and of the most charming colors to be found in any flowers. No display can surpass a bed of these Poppies no matter what it is. A great improvement over ordinary Shirleys.....10

Childs' Great Pæony-Flowered—A strain perfected after years of high cultivation and careful selection. Plants attain a height of three feet or more, and bear many flowers of most brilliant colors. Large and double like fine Pæonies..... 5

Peacock—(PAPAVA UMBROSA). Dazzlingly beautiful, Fiery scarlet flowers with vivid black centers, and borne on long wiry stems..... 5

Nankeen Yellow—A fine novelty. Large double blossoms of a fine Nankeen yellow color.....10

Snowdrift—Flowers as pure as the driven snow, large, double and full, yet soft and loose like a great ball of snow. A mass of it in bloom is a grand sight. Its habit of growth is stout and compact, not attaining the height of most other large Poppies which makes its enormous blossoms show to better advantage.....10

Blushing Bride—The plants are of dwarf, stout growth, like Snowdrift, and belong to the Pæony-flowered type. The blossoms are of enormous size, perfectly double to the center, and beautifully fringed. Color snow-white, with lovely bright crimson festooning above the edges of the frilled petals. One of the earliest to bloom.....10

Rosebud—Dainty flowers, like silken rosettes, cupped like Roses, some of these are exquisitely mottled and shaded, while others are solid colors, margined with other shades. The coloring is something wonderful, and must be seen to be appreciated. Intense scarlet, crimson, pink, white, blush, mottled, fringed, etc..... 5

Nudicaule Or Iceland Poppies—Perennial, but bloom first year. Very handsome and graceful, and particularly desirable because they furnish us with a color hitherto lacking in these flowers. The yellow and orange shades are particularly fine.....10

One pkt. each of the 8 for 50c.

Sweet Peas.

Our Great Collection of Grand New Varieties.

One of the dear old flowers that will never go out of fashion. Everyone who has a yard ought to grow quantities of this sweetest of all flowers, that is not only a beautiful low-growing vine for garden and decoration, but one of the most useful of all in furnishing material for vases, bouquets and all cut flower work. Plant quantities of these lovely flowers and cut them with a lavish hand. Their presence will bring pleasure to the sick room, adorn your friends' otherwise empty vases, and make happy the flower-hungry children with no pretty yards and flowers of their own; for every flower you pick, two will come to fill its place. Easy to grow anywhere if sown early, very early. For the largest and finest blossoms, dig a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotten manure, a little earth, and sow the seed over this three inches apart in the row, covering an inch and a half deep. Do this as early as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and as the plants grow, fill up the trench around them with rich earth. Such planting will produce enormous quantities of flowers of the largest size.

Our Grand Large-Flowering Mixed Sweet Peas—The finest mixture possible, as only the largest-flowered or "Grandiflora" type (Eckford's) is used. More than 100 different colors; perfectly magnificent. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; ¼lb., 25c.; ½lb., 40c.; 1 lb., 75c.

50 Sorts in One Pkt. for 10c.—For 10c. we will send a packet containing 50 seeds—mixed—one seed each of 50 different named varieties.

50 Grandest Named Sweet Peas.

All at 5c. per pkt., 10c. per oz.

Admiration—Delicate lavender-pink.
America—Bright cardinal and white stripes.
Apple Blossom—Shaded pink and rose standard, wings lighter shade.
Aurora--Salmon and white stripes; blossoms large and one of the prettiest of the stripes.
Black Knight--Deep, rich, maroon-black.
Countess Cadogan--Beautiful bright blue.
Captivation--Purplish magenta, quite unlike any other.
Coquette--Standard light violet shading to primrose and light primrose wings.
Countess of Radnor--Lavender standard and blue wings.
Crown Jewel--Violet and rose-pink blended in the standard, wings light primrose; large blossoms; vigorous.
Dorothy Tennant--Deep rosy mauve.
Duke of Clarence--Bright rosy claret; purple-maroon.
Duke of Southland--Purplish maroon standard, indigo blue wings. A very dark variety.
Emily Eckford--Rosy purple standard and blush purple wings changing to almost blue when open a day.
Eliza Eckford--White, shaded and edged with light pink on standard; wings almost white.
Ex. Ey. Blanche Ferry--Rose pink standard and white wings, same as in the original Blanche Ferry.
Earliest of All--Blossoms same as extra early Blanche Ferry but it is earlier.

Emily Lynch—Rose-pink standard; wings light pink and primrose, hooded.
Emily Henderson—Pure white, large bold flowers.
Fashion—Light purplish crimson.
Golden Gleam—Finest yellow; large and beautiful.
Gorgeous—Bright orange and rose.
Grey Friar—Marbled or watered purple on white.
Hon. F. Bouverie—Splendid deep pink.
Katherine Tracy—Light carmine and rose-pink.
Lady G. Hamilton—Splendid bright lavender.
Lady Mary Currie—Largest, brighest and best of the pinks.
Lovely—Deep rose at base of standard and wings, shading to pale pink and blush at edges.
Lottie Eckford—White shaded and edged blue and mauve.
Lottie Hutchins—Pale primrose, striped with light pink.
Maid of Honor—White, with light blush-lavendar edge.
Modesty—Very soft blush, almost white. The lightest pink.
Mrs. Eckford—Pale primrose yellow. The best of this shade.
Navy Blue—Best dark navy blue.
Oriental—Fine cream, large and grand.
Ovid—Light carmine with distinct rose veins.
Prima Donna—Light but bright blush-pink.
Prince Edward of York—Cerise standard and crimson wings. Large open form and vigorous vine.
Prince of Wales—Bright rose-pink.
Pink Friar—A marbled or watered pink on white.
Queen Victoria—Light primrose yellow.
Ramona—White, striped light pink. Well formed, large.
Royal Rose—Standard deep rose, shaded with lighter pink; very light pink wings. Very large blossoms.
Royal Robe—A soft light pink.
Sensation—Pale buff and pink standard, white wings. Nearly always four blossoms to the stem nicely placed.
Shazada—Deep maroon standard; indigo blue wings, blossoms large and well formed; a very dark variety.
Stella Morse—Primrose-yellow, tinged with blush-pink, perhaps more correctly a rich cream color.
Salopian—Deepest and brightest crimson-scarlet.
The Bride—Extra fine, pure white.
Venus—Light salmon suffused with buff.

5c. per packet; 10c. per oz.; the 50 sorts, 1 packet each $1.50.

Dwarf "Cupid" Sweet Peas.

This is a dwarf Sweet Pea, the plant growing only five inches high, yet spreading out and forming a solid mat of foliage and flowers one and one-half feet across. The blossoms are very sweet, of largest size and greatly abundant, with three flowers on each stem. It begins to bloom as early as May, and, unlike the climbing Sweet Peas, continue in profusion until killed by the frost. This is a remarkable feature and makes it at once one of the most superb plants for bedding, massing and edging in cultivation. Also very desirable as pot plants.

Per pkt.
White Cupid—Pure white, large, perfect, very sweet..... 5
Pink Cupid—A lovely pink in color and a very free grower 5
Primrose Cupid—A fine tinted yellow on primrose..... 5
Firefly—Intense scarlet-pink..... 5
C. of Radnor—Beautiful lavender blue..... 5
Mixed—8 sorts. Oz., 10c..... 5

Bush Sweet Pea.

This new Pea grows in dense bush form, about 12 inches high and requires no support. In this respect, much like a bush bean. The flowers are large and fine. We offer a most superb mixture of about 40 different sorts. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c.

Double Sweet Peas.

The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double, as shown by cut. Very beautiful and attractive, 10c. per pkt.; the 4 pkts. for 25c.

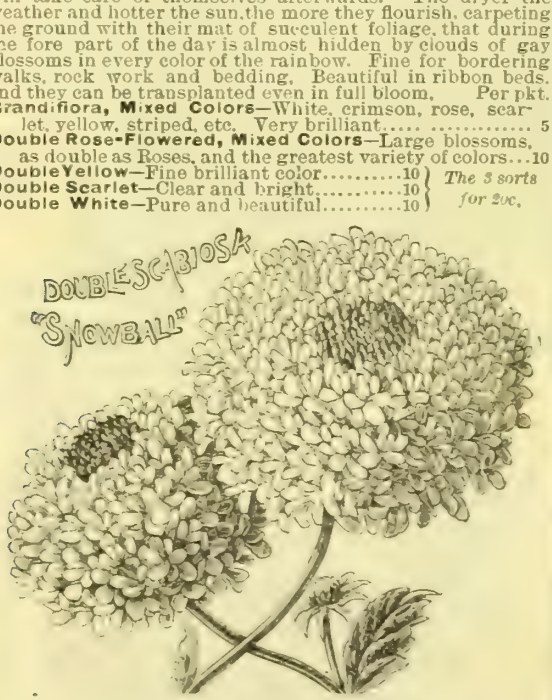
Double Pink. | **Double White.**
Double Scarlet. | **Double Black.**
Double Mixed Sweet Peas—Several colors, Per pkt. 10c. oz. 20c., lb. $1.00.

See our "New Crimson Cluster" Sweet Pea offered on colored plate.

Portulaca.

The Portulaca will stand more abuse than almost any other flower. They do not like deep shade, or wet, damp soil, but in any other situation they only ask the sowing; they will take care of themselves afterwards. The dryer the weather and hotter the sun, the more they flourish, carpeting the ground with their mat of succulent foliage, that during the fore part of the day is almost hidden by clouds of gay blossoms in every color of the rainbow. Fine for bordering walks, rock work and bedding. Beautiful in ribbon beds, and they can be transplanted even in full bloom. Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose, scarlet, yellow, striped, etc. Very brilliant..... 5
Double Rose-Flowered, Mixed Colors—Large blossoms, as double as Roses, and the greatest variety of colors...10
Double Yellow—Fine brilliant color.....10
Double Scarlet—Clear and bright.....10
Double White—Pure and beautiful.....10
The 3 sorts for 20c.



Scabiosa.

This is one of the very best bouquet flowers of our entire list, and is also fine for masses or clumps in the flower garden. Each plant bears a profusion of beautiful flowers, rich, velvety, glowing and unlike any other flower, while the long, wiry stems fit them for use in bouquets and vases.

Mixed Colors—(Mourning Bride)..... 5
Double, Mixed Colors—Dwarf habit, fine colors..... 5
Snow Ball—Large, perfectly double, white as snow.....10
Royal Velvet—Velvety purple color, white stamens.....10

Salpiglossis.

An exceedingly beautiful flower, and an extra fine and brilliant bedder. Large, lovely, funnel-shaped blossoms of velvety texture, and with deeply sunken veins, penciled and shaded with the richest tracings on a ground-work of the most pleasing colors. It stands the sun well and some of the showiest beds we have ever seen have been of this beautiful and easy grown annual. Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed Colors—A grand new strain with enormous blossoms possessing the most varied, brilliant and fantastic markings imaginable. The staining, penciling and blending of the colors is wonderfully fine.10

"Shoo-Fly" Plant.

An important new plant of the Physilis family. It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is grown if they can conveniently escape, and our tests show such to be the case, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear, as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup shaped and of a lovely light blue color, with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer in pots both summer and winter. In the garden it grows too rank and weedy to be of any value, but as a pot plant it is exquisite. Seed....10

Ten-Weeks Stocks.

To our mind we do not catalogue a finer flower than the Ten-Weeks Stocks. It has every merit of a perfect flower—a compact habit, many and long spikes of closely-set, large, double flowers, each as double as a rose, waxy of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in color from snow-white to dark maroon-brown, and through all intermediate shades of red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedder, and a fine pot plant, blooming the winter through. It develops in its greatest perfection in the cold atmosphere of our Northern States. In the South and West a cool situation should be chosen, sheltered from the mid-day sun. This plant requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. Poor care will result in poor flowers. It is worse than useless to plant inferior seed of this flower, that has been brought to its present high standard by careful breeding and high cultivation. Our seed is extra fine. Per pkt.

Early Ten-Weeks—12 of the finest colors mixed.....10
" " " —Pure white, very sweet..... 5
" " " —Rich crimson..... 5
Dwarf German—Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large-flowering Stocks.....10
New Large Flowering Globe Pyramidal—One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of grand flowers, in almost rainbow colors. We have counted twenty-three different shades in a single bed of these flowers.....10
Giant Perfection—One of the finest for the open ground, growing to the height of 2½ feet; flowers also of immense size. Many beautiful colors mixed.....20
Perpetual Branching, Pure White—This is the newest and finest variety in cultivation. It blooms very quikly from seed, the plants being stout, branching, and compact, with numerous flower spikes of large size. The individual flowers are large, very double, and perfect in form. For pots it is greatly superior to any other variety, and as a pot plant it is just superb, flowering for a long period and at any time of the year, according to time of sowing. Only a very small per cent. of the plants will be single, nearly all producing magnificent double flowers. It is one of the greatest flower seed novelties we ever introduced, and one that will give far greater satisfaction than can be anticipated.
Perp. Branching, Rich Crimson—Deep rich crimson. ...15
" " **Snow White**—Large pure white.....15
" " **Brilliant Rose**—Very handsome.....15
" " **Royal Purple**—Rich Purple 15
" " **Mixed Colors**—Finest colors, all shades..15

Salvia.

The Salvia is now a standard bedding plant, and well does it deserve its honor. It stands heat and drouth remarkably well, and its colors are very showy and intense. Seed is best started under glass, though self-sown seed frequently comes up in great numbers where a bed of these plants has been the year previous. Cuttings are easily rooted and make fine winter-blooming plants. Per pkt.

Splendens Compacta—Fine dwarf habit, very free flowering, and of intense brilliancy. It blooms profusely all the year, beginning in about three months from the time of sowing the seed. Perfectly exquisite.....10
Silver Spot—Foliage green, spotted yellow; flowers brilliant scarlet.....10
Golden Leaved—Habit compact, short-jointed and branching, with an abundance of foliage, which is of a fine yellow shade, hardly a trace of green about it. The flowers are a light transparent scarlet of exceptional brilliancy. The brilliancy of the flowers against the yellow foliage produces the most striking effect we have observed in any plant. Not only is the plant a fine bedder but it is also a magnificent pot plant, blooming at any and all times of the year without intermission. For winter it is particularly fine, and the most brilliant plant that can be grown in one's window.....10

The 3 sorts for 20c.

CREEPING THUNBERGIA.

Thunbergia.

A lovely trailing plant with large showy flowers. It will trail over the ground, forming a dense mat of foliage and flowers. Colors range through all shades of yellow orange, buff to pure white, mostly with jet black centers or eyes, which are very effective. Sometimes called "Black-eyed Susan." Also a superb pot plant and one that will bloom freely during winter All colors mixed..... 5

Verbenas.

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universally popular of all flowers, both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors it has no equals. Start seed early under glass, if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting in the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during the entire time nothing in the garden will attract more attention than the bed or clump of Verbenas. In August cuttings may be taken from some of the best ones and potted up for winter blooming. Our prize strain are the finest Verbenas in cultivation.

Per pkt.

Extra Choice Mixed—From named collection..... 10

Golden Bedder—A striking variety with bright scarlet blossoms and golden yellow foliage..... 20

Primrose—A soft, pale yellow, or primrose..... 10

Odorata—It is so hardy seed can be sown in the open ground early in the spring, where they will quickly germinate, grow rapidly and in a few weeks be in bloom and give a great profusion of beautiful blossoms all summer. The blossom, instead of being in clusters like other sorts, run up into spikes, usually 3 or 4 inches long. Very sweet scented and pure white..... 5

CHILDS' PRIZE VERBENAS.

Famous as the finest strain of Verbenas known. We grow four acres of these superb flowers, and know what we are talking about when we say they are the finest of all Verbenas. The plants are vigorous and short-jointed and perfect sheets of blooms. The trusses are very large, the flowers of mammoth size, perfect form and embracing the richest and most velvety colors. They are also delicately sweet-scented. The range of colors is great, and shades are mostly very delicate and dainty. In coloring they are, in fact, perfectly exquisite, there being very little of the common old blues and purple colors among them. In their place we have delicate blushes, lavenders, pinks, velvety indigoes, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc., in fact a thousand different colors and combinations.

Childs' Prize, Mixed Colors—Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers; prodigious bloomers.20

Childs' Prize, Pure White—Comes true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance.....15

Childs' Prize, Scarlet—A very intense scarlet.....15

THE MAYFLOWER VERBENA.

With the habit, beauty and fragrance of the Trailing Arbutus, a plant equally valuable for the garden or pots and perpetual bloomer,—what more can be desired. It is named Mayflower because the shape of its blossoms, its color, and fragrance, are almost identical with the wide-famed and cherished Trailing Arbutus, or as it is called in New England, Mayflower. The flowers are as rich and powerful in fragrance as the Arbutus. The Verbenas, being of a creeping or trailing habit, like the Arbutus, with clusters and individual flowers much the same, one can easily imagine how the addition of the same fragrance may make a close imitation of that most beautiful of all wild flowers.

Mayflower Pink—Varies from light to deep pink, like the Arbutus, with the same unexcelled fragrance. Perfect form and great beauty. A lovely pot or garden flower.15

Mayflower White—Pure snow white, with same delicious Arbutus fragrance. Comes absolutely true from seed..15

MOSS VERBENAS.

Purple Blue—This new Verbena produces a mass of fine moss-like foliage, and as the branches spread out over the ground in all directions a lovely carpet of mossy green is formed, above which are borne the delicate clusters of purple-blue blossoms in the widest profusion. The effect is most charming. Blooms in a very short time from seed. It is novel and beautiful..... 5

Pure White—It is absolutely pure snow white, the blossoms having the same delicate fragrance as the Sweet Alyssum, and form in such profusion that a single plant shows 100 or more clusters at all times; new and fine...10

New Minature, Mixed—A perfectly wonderful plant, growing only 4 to 6 inches high and bearing great numbers of double blossoms of various colors. It is so dwarf and compact that a plant looks like a tasty bouquet set in the ground, the mingling of bright blossoms and foliage being very effective..... 5

Fire Ball—Dwarf habit, double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, its bright color and perfect habit showing to great advantage.....10

Snow Ball—Exactly like Fire Ball, except color, which is snow-white and makes a charming contrast.....10

Lilliput, Mixed Colors—This strain is the acme of beauty and perfection in Zinnias. Plants small and of bushy growth, each one bearing scores of beautiful little blossoms of the most perfect shape and brilliant colors. These charming little Zinnias are gems indeed, and should be in every garden.....10

Gold Bug—Plants grow a foot high and branch freely into beautiful little compact bushes, which are at all times covered with beautiful golden-yellow blossoms as double as roses. New last year.....10

From early childhood the Zinnias has been a special favorite with us, and the strain which we cultivated in our first little garden we still sell and grow as our improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for thirty years. This careful attention has brought it to wonderful perfection. This Zinnias is a robust, free grower, furnishing an abundance of large, double blossoms which are of varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for six weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time, making a showing which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside or sown in the garden about corn-planting time.

Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors—Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnias in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, yellow, orange, scarlet, violet, primrose, buff, striped, etc. Every plant will give fine double flowers. Single and poor flowers long ago disappeared from this strain.....10

Crested and Crinkled—All colors mixed. A strain with curiously crested and crinkled petals.....10

Improved Striped—A good strain representing all the leading colors, but all striped. Really the finest strain of Striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation.....10

SPECIAL OFFER.

To encourage the free use of our improved Zinnias, we will send one packet each of the eight varieties here offered for only 40c.

Seed of Hardy Garden Plants, Blooming First Year.

Pansies, Dianthus, Bellis, etc., flower quickly and freely the first summer from seed, yet the plants survive the winter in the garden, and bloom early and profusely the next year, and for several years. They are a fine class of easily grown garden flowers.

Antirrhinum, Giant Scented.

OR SNAPDRAGON.

A new giant-flowered strain of the grand old Snapdragon, which in size and beauty of bloom, either in pots or garden, almost equals Gladiolus. Per pkt.

Giant White—This new plant is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flower spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large as and more beautiful than Gladiolus. Color pure white, with lemon-tinted throat, and of a lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation.....10

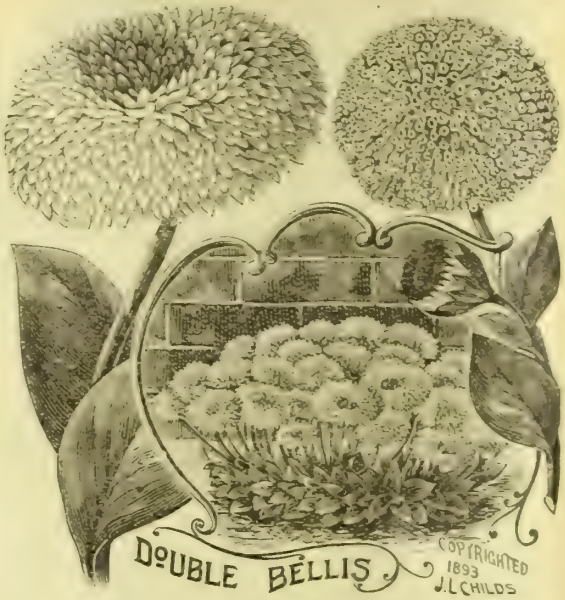
Giant Yellow—Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful canary-yellow.....10

Giant Mixed—Many colors, including the above, all large and exceedingly fragrant. Try them, both in garden and pots.....10

Tom Thumb—Dwarf and a most beautiful plant. Mixed.. 5

Chinese Lantern Plant.

The plant produces white flowers, which are followed by large inflated husks, much the shape of Chinese lanterns, at first a green color, changing to brighest scarlet, and as they hang suspended among the green foliage they present a most novel and beautiful appearance. In these husks or "lanterns" a fruit is borne, in color a deep ruby-red, and good either for cooking, preserving or eating raw, and keeps well into the winter..... 5



Bellis—(Double Daisy.)

Beautiful double flowers that appear in early spring, if plants are slightly protected over winter. Blossoms also very early from spring-sown seed, as plants bloom when but two to three inches high. If given a cool, moist, shady location, will bloom all summer, even in the South. As pot plants they are charming, and will bloom freely all winter, as they delight in cold weather. In the open ground cultivate exactly as you would Pansies, and next to the Pansy it is the most charming little garden flower. Per pkt.

Double, Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose and variegated: very double..... 5

Double, White—Pure color; handsome flower.. 5

Maxiama or Giant Daisy—No amount of praise can be too lavish for this new form of the charming double Daisy, which next to the Pansy, is our most cherished early spring flower. The flowers are from one to three times larger than the ordinary Daisy, very perfect, and double and of lovely colors, ranging from pure white through blush, pink, rose, etc., to deep crimson. Many of the plants produce on one stem a cluster of 10 to 20 blossoms, instead of the usual solitary one. The blossoms are very large, unique and beautiful. Not only do they bloom early in the spring, but continue all through the summer and fall, and also make splendid pot plants for winter blooming, flourishing in cool windows and rooms where few other plants will survive...10

Trailing Hollyhock.

A hardy perennial vine which trails over the ground in a beautiful manner. It is really a miniature Trailing Hollyhock. The flowers are bright crimson in color and produced freely, as are also its vines and foliage. We have nothing more beautiful for rock work, mounds, or nooks and corners where a trailing plant is desirable. Perfectly hardy in any situation. Blooms in ninety days from seed, and continues all the season, year after year.....10

Dianthus.

An indispensable garden flower and one fitted equally to adorn the poor man's garden or the spacious grounds of the millionaire. Never out of place in any situation. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold, and is as iron-clad as a plant can well be. Like their near relative, the Carnation, the Dianthus is superlatively beautiful, many varieties possessing a radiant-like fire that is impossible to describe, but it is the very acme of richness and beauty. A grand flower for cutting or flower work, and succeeds well in pots for winter bloom if treated like Carnations. Sow early either in house or open ground, and plants will not only bloom all summer and fall, but will survive the winter, and bloom the next season. Never sow any but the best seed of Dianthus, if you would have the choicest flowers. Per pkt.

Diadematus flora plena—Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, flaked, margined, etc., in a beautiful manner.....10

Double White—Finest for contrast.....10

Eastern Queen—Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are like the richest silks..... 5

Mourning Cloak—A rich variety of most unique coloring. Large, double flowers of a velvety purplish black, each petal tipped and fringed with snow white.....10

Crimson Bell—Immense flowers of a rich crimson red. A grand flower of the single Heddewiggi type, and a beautiful companion to Eastern Queen and The Bride.. 5

Imperialis—Double Imperial Pinks. Robust, bushy growers, bearing great quantities of large, double flowers of rich, glowing colors..... 5

Brilliant—A dwarf grower with numerous double flowers of dark, rich red, as large and fine as Carnations..... 5

The Bride—Clear, pure white, with a radiant, glowing crimson center, shading into a pink band..... 5

Royal Pinks—A strain with flowers of unusually large size, and beautiful, fimbriated petals.....10

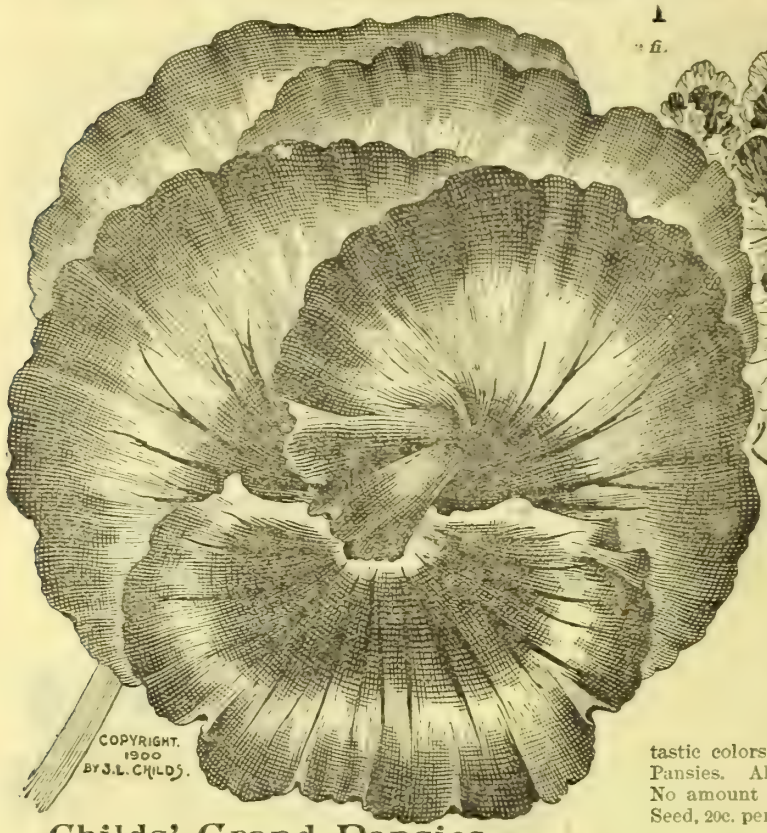
Mixed—Our own mixture of the most beautiful double and single sorts, and of every desirable shade or peculiar markings. This will give a bed of beautiful flowers and scarcely two plants will be alike.....10

Chrysanthemum Storm Petrel.

This is a hardy perennial, with finely cut, fern-like foliage and dwarf growth. It blooms at all times of the year if kept in pots, and out of doors, until after hard frosts have killed almost everything else. It is a very profuse bloomer, and the pretty, rosette-like flowers are of pure white, very large and double. It blooms early the first year from seed, and makes a fine plant for both summer and winter.....10

Delphinium, Blue Butterfly.

A great novelty, being a hardy Perennial that flowers early and freely the first year from seed. Seed sown in the garden in May will give blooming plants in July, which are of dwarf branching habit, producing the large exquisite blue blossoms in profusion. A splendid pot plant and grand for bouquets. Plants will winter where they stand and flower magnificently the second year. Finest blue flower we have and a most valuable seed novelty.....10



Childs' Grand Pansies.

A universal favorite with young and old. Every child sees the face in the Pansy, and, aside from its great beauty, we all treasure it as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. The smallest yard must have its Pansies. Not poor, forlorn plants, struggling unaided with heat and drouth and hard-baked ground, though even there yielding us handfuls of cheery bloom; but, rather, strong, vigorous plants, rioting in the cool, deep mellow beds they love, made rich with fertilizers, kept free from weeds and shaded from the hot afternoon sun. In such a bed one may gather great velvety Pansies by the hundreds,—flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of the earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location, and abundant water. Sow seed early in house or in open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late autumn and fall bloom, or in August and September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall-sown seed have the bed moist and kept shady by boards or papers until the plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter if protected by a few evergreen boughs, or other light covering. Do not let the plants seed if you wish to keep them in bloom freely all the time. Poor Pansy seed is dear at any price.

Our Pansy seed is the very choicest product of Europe, and the various strains and distinct varieties we offer are the best known to cultivation.

General Collection of Pansies.

Large-Flowering, Choice Mixed Colors—A superb strain of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction. Is surpassed only by our Giant Excelsior and Imperial Germans..... 5

Fancy Striped, Mixed—These are real gems of fantastic coloring. A strain made up of various colors, all elegantly and grotesquely striped and variegated. These Pansies will be greatly admired for their odd and beautiful and distinct stripes.....10

Fancy Margined, Mixed—The large, fine blossoms of these are of various colors, white, blue, black, yellow, purple, etc., all with beautiful margins of white and gold bordering each flower. The effect is very unique and beautiful.....10

Scarlet and Red Mixed—This is a mixture of all the new colors in scarlet and red which have been recently introduced, such as Fiery Face, Cardinal, Fire King, etc. It runs largely to very bright colors.....10

One pkt. each of above 4 for 25c.

Jennings' Pansies.

A wonderful new strain of Pansy which has been developed in Conn. The flowers are truly the LARGEST and FINEST COLORED we have ever seen. Among a lot we had last spring some of the blossoms measured 4¼ inches across, and there were new and fantastic colors that we had never before seen among Pansies. All colors and shades were represented. No amount of praise can do full justice to them. Seed, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

Trimardeau Giant, Mixed Colors—These are famous for their extraordinary size, though the form is not so perfect as the Imperial Germans. A fine range of choice colors..... 5

Bugnot's Superb Mixed—Needs no praise, for it is already famous as the best selection of a noted Pansy fancier. Flowers extraordinary in size and coloring...10

Masterpiece—One of the greatest novelties in Pansies. Their chief difference from all other Pansies consists in the novel and beautiful form of the flower, the border of every petal being conspicuously curled and fluted. This characteristic appears in nearly every flower the size of which is extremely large. The plants are exceptionally free flowering, vigorous, strong and hardy, and the numerous blossoms large and showy during the entire spring, summer and autumn. The tints and colors are also wonderful, varying through all shades, and there are many striking and unique combinations, especially among the fringed varieties.....15

Snow Queen—A perfect beauty, being a pure snow-white which always comes true from seed. A great bloomer.. 5

Yellow Bird—Very large flowers of a pure bright yellow color. A fine bedder..... 5

Fire King—Fiery yellow and reddish purple, rich and unique coloring..... 5

Silver-Edged—Dark, rich velvety purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work.. 5

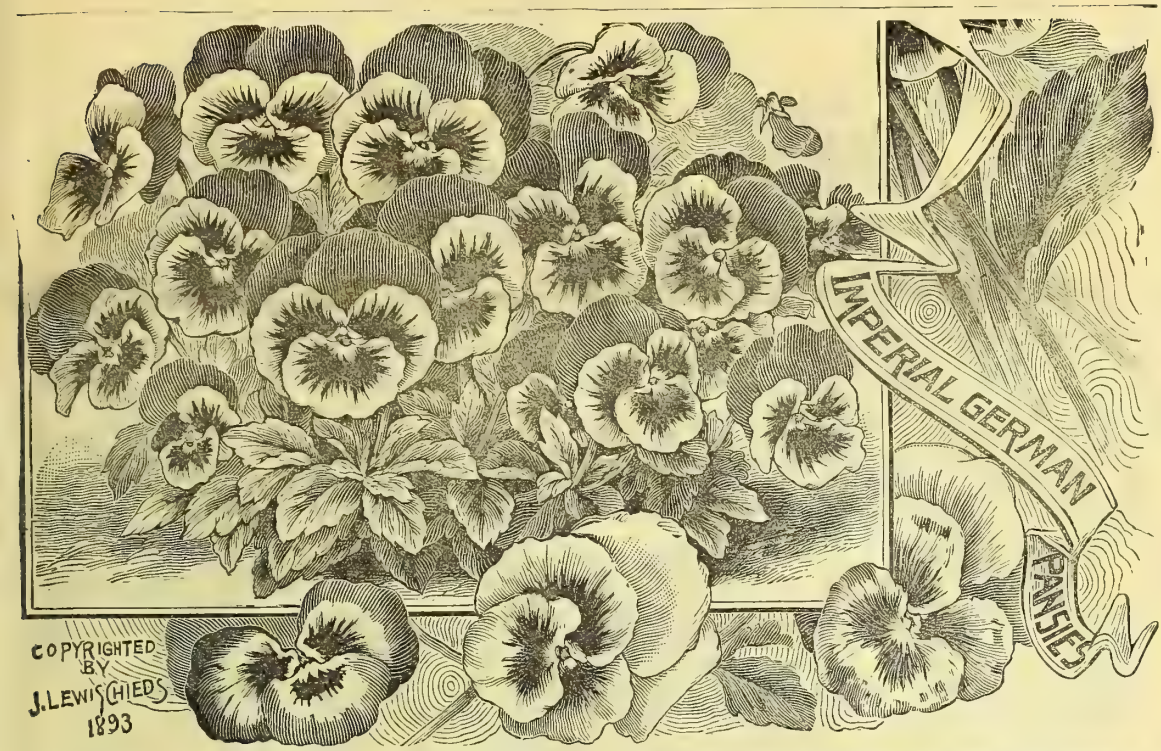
Black Giant-Flowered—A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking.....10

Peacock—A Pansy of superb and varied colors, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze-blue seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain and cannot be too highly praised.....10

Ruby Red—The richest colored Pansy yet introduced, and comes quite true from seed. Flowers large and of a rich dark ruby red, and having a texture almost like velvet. The depth and richness of color will vary in different plants but will be grand.....10

Violet Pansy, Papilio.

A decided novelty, and a cross between the Pansy and Violet. The flowers are Violet-shaped, large, and borne in endless profusion, a plant showing from 20 to 40 blossoms every day from spring until late fall. Color, a lovely violet-lilac, in some plants darker than others, with a dark eye. For bedding purposes this new Violet Pansy is one of the best we have seen in a long time..... 5



Childs' Imperial German Pansies.

Introduced by us several years ago, and now the leading favorite throughout the world. Many inferior stocks have been placed on the market under the name, but, as the introducers, we may be depended upon to furnish the true variety. Large flowers of the finest coloring; stout, robust, bushy growth, withstanding the heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty.

Gloriosa Perfecta—An indescribably lovely flower; a reddish steel-blue, with distinct red and white rim.....10

Snow Fairy—Grand snow-white blossoms, profusely borne. Fine for cemeteries.....10

Black Knight—A large Pansy of inky blackness.....10

Thunder Cloud—Another grand Pansy of most unusual markings; large, coal-black flowers, each with red and white rim. Extra fine.....10

Azure Blue—A clear, lovely shade, very fine for bedding..10

Emperor William—Elegant deep blue, very useful for bouquet making.....10

Little Red Riding Hood—A good advance toward the bright red Pansy of the future. A rich reddish color, some of them very brilliant and showy. Only a portion of the seeds comes true to character.....10

Deep Yellow—A fine color for bedding.....10

Odier, or Five-Spotted Mixed—Beautifully spotted flowers. A peculiar variety.....10

Large Spotted, Mixed—On white, yellow and reddish grounds. Very fine.....10

Lord Beaconsfield—True. Flowers of great substance and size, shading from deep indigo at the center to the palest azure blue at the edge of the upper petals. Unlike any other Pansy, and extra fine for cutting.....10

Marbled—Beautifully marbled, various shades.....10

Striped—Very showy and striking flowers, distinctly striped and shaded.....10

Bronze Perfecta—A unique color, hard to describe. Exquisite to combine with the deep blue and purple Pansies in cut-flower work.....10

Mixed Seed—Of more than fifty distinct shades of Imperial German, including those described above.....10

One packet each of the above fifteen Imperial Germans for $1.00.

Childs' Giant Excelsior Pansies.

It is impossible to do justice to these lovely flowers in a printed description. Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage, on strong stems. Owing to their vigor this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors have been counted in one bed of this strain. (3 pkts., 50c.).....20

Violet-Scented Pansies.

This new type is a cross between the Pansy and the Violet, combining the ideal properties of each. The flowers are much larger than the Violet, more like Pansies, but with the delicious fragrance of the former. The flowers are also quite free from central rays and markings, and the habit of the plant is decidedly dwarf and compact, producing its flowers on long foot-stalks, and they appear continually from early spring until late fall. The plants possess to a considerable extent the hardy and robust nature of the Violet, and make splendid pot as well as garden plants. This unique strain originated with Dr. Stuart, of Chirnside, England. The range of color runs through white, buff, canary and azure blue, and the coloring of each is exceedingly delicate and charming. A most important novelty, and one in which all admirers of the Pansy and Violet will be especially delighted. We first introduced this strain several years ago, since when it has been wonderfully improved.....10

New Multiflora Roses.

Roses from Seed, Blooming in 60 Days.

With seed of these new Roses plants may be had in bloom in 60 to 90 days from the time of sowing. Plant at any time. They grow quickly and flowers appear in large clusters, and in such quantity that a plant looks like a bouquet. Perfectly hardy in the garden, where they bloom all summer. In pots they bloom both summer and winter. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, crimson, etc.—no two alike, and mostly perfectly double and very sweet. Greatest novelty of recent years, and gives unbounded satisfaction.

Rosa Polyantha Multiflora Hybrids—All colors mixed, choicest seed, 15c per pkt.; 2 pkts. for 25c.

Wallflower.

Early Mixed—Flowers early the first season from seed, blooming in profusion from early in June until late autumn frosts without injury. The blossoms are large size and borne in compact, short spikes, or clusters, and are exceedingly sweet-scented. The plants are not injured by fall frosts and bloom until December. Are also hardy and bloom well the second year. Colors range from yellow to dark brown, striped, etc..... 5

Double (Perennial) Mixed Colors—A favorite English flower, somewhat like Ten-week Stocks. A half-hardy perennial; very fragrant and fine for cutting. Sometimes blooms first summer 10

Platycodon Mariesi Tom Thumb.

A perfect gem of a Hardy Perennial plant, which blooms first year from seed, and for any number of years following, as the roots are perfectly hardy. The plant makes a pretty little tuft of foliage close to the ground, and from its crown sends up slender stems to the height of 5 to 10 inches, bearing VERY LARGE, wide open, saucer-shaped blossoms, which are perfectly exquisite. The size of the blossoms is immense, compared with the plants. Most of the plants produce flowers of a deep rich blue color, but some will be pure white, tinged blue. Seed may be sown in pots early or in open ground. In either case plants will bloom in a short time. We feel that too much cannot be said in favor of this gem of a plant. It is certainly one of the most pleasing novelties we have seen in a long time..... ..10

Seed of Garden Bulbous Plants.

Dahlias, Cannas, and Freesias bloom the first season from seed, and make fine bulbous roots for future planting. Gladiolus, Iris, etc. bloom second season.

Canna.

Cannas are now thg most popular beddind plant in existence, ane certainly among the most striking and beautiful. How could it be otherwise, when in this one plant is combined stately habit and tropical luxuriance, superb foliage and brilliant blossoms, ever increasing in beauty and profusion until the frosts of autumn cut it down? New sorts are constantly produced from seed. Our Hybrid Strains have been bred up to such a high standard that the individual flowers are the size of Gladiolus blossoms, and borne in great spikes or heads of bloom that make them grand for either summer bedding or greenhouse decorations in winter. Seeds should be filed at one end and soaked for twenty-four hours in hot water before planting. Start early in the house, but do not plant out until all danger of frost is over. The bed can scarcely be made too rich and mellow. Seedling plants will bloom in July. Per pkt.

Mixed Sorts—A choice collection of all varieties..... 5
Dark Foliage—Mixed; all dark, beautiful foliage sorts....10
Crozy's Dwarf Flowering—Mixed colors. These can be classed among the grandest of flowering plants. They commence blooming very early from seed and continue all summer, making a display which for brilliancy cannot be surpassed,.....10
New Hybrids—Choice seed from grandest new Hybrid varieties, will give magnificent results,.....20

Gladiolus.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of colors and beauty of bloom in seedlings is very great. One never sees two seedlings alike. Sow seed in light, sandy soil in the open ground, about corn planting time, and shade until they germinate. Might be started earlier in hot-beds, if desired. Seedlings generally bloom the second summer.

Hybrids, Mixed, All Colors—Very fine, 3 pkts. 25c.....10
Lemoinei Hybrids, Mixed—Sometimes blooms the first summer, and always the second. 3 pkts. for 25c.....10
Childsi, Mixed Colors—Finest of all. 3 pkts. 30c.....15
One pkt. each of Hybrid, Lemoinei and Childsi for 25c.

Freesia.

It is not generally known that these beautiful, fragrant flowering plants may be grown to great perfection in four months from seed. Seed may be sown at any time in pots and boxes, or frames, of light, rich soil. They will soon germinate, and under favorable circumstances they will bloom finely within four months from time of sowing.....10

Dahlia.

Good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and plants will bloom the first season from the seed. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seed leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen, were among seedlings. Give good soil and never let the plants suffer for water, and our word for it, you will be more than satisfied. Out of a large paper of seed, no two plants will be alike in flower, while there will be every color represented, from snow-white to blackish maroon. Start seed in house and transplant to open ground after frost is gone.

Double Large-Flowering, Mixed—Will produce some magnificent varieties.....15
Double Pompon, Mixed—Extra choice strain,.....10
New Single, Mixed Colors—Flowers very large and of rainbow color. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers.... 5
Imperial Cactus—A new class of Dahlias with large double fantastic blossoms, which in shape and brillancy of colors rival the finest Cacti. All colors and shapes are represented some of which are just like Japanese Chrysanthemums. We first introduced this strain last year, and it has given great satisfaction.....20
Imperialis—The "Lily Dahlia," grows 10 to 12 feet high, and bears panicles of elegant Lily-like flowers measuring 8 inches from tip to tip of petals. The color is a very delicate mauve, almost white, orange center.....10
One pkt. each of the 5 for 50c.

Lilium Tenuifolium.

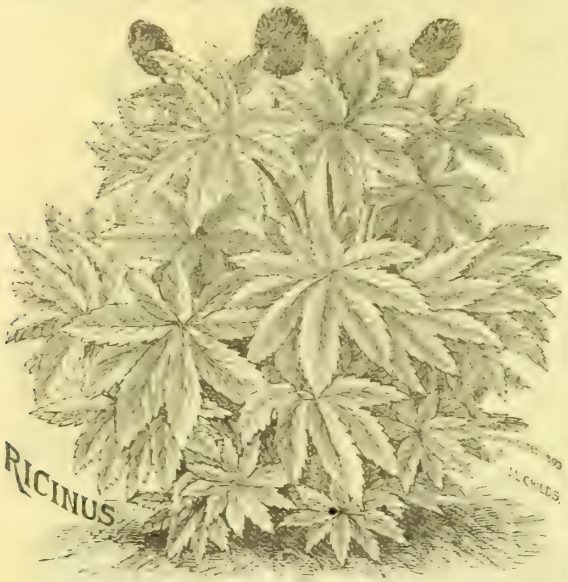
This the brightest and most showy of all Lilies grows freely from seed, and flowers the second season. For cut and full description see page 113..... 10

Hyacinthus Candicans.

Lovely hardy bulbs with spikes of pure white flowers two feet in height. Grows well from seed..... 5

SEED OF BEAUTIFUL FOLIAGE PLANTS.

THESE ARE INDESPENSABLE FOR GARDEN AND LAWN, AND FOR BOUQUET MAKING.

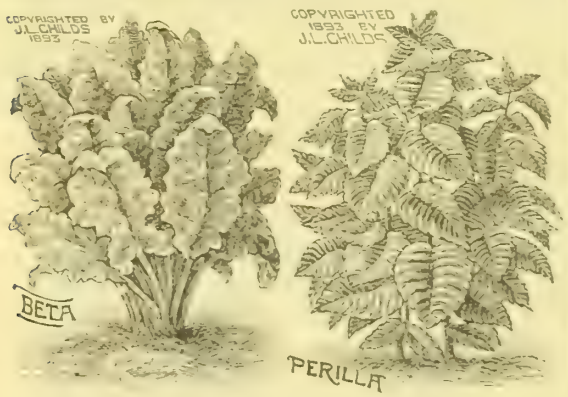


Ricinus Zanzibarensis.

There are several varieties of this superb new Ricinus.all of which are characterized by extra large and handsome leaves, compact, branching growth, forming a perfect pyramid of elegant foliage. The seeds are very large, and each kind of a different color, white, black, scarlet, brown, etc. All beautifully marked and mottled. They are so beautiful that they are worth the price asked just to look at. All kinds, mixed.....10

Beta. (Ornamental Beet.)

These are among the most effective bedding plants, producing immense leaves, often two feet long and eight or nine inches broad and beautifully colored and crinkled. Planted in a bed together, one foot apart each way, they are grand. One great feature of these ornamental Beets is the fact that frost does not kill them, but only colors their leaves all the brighter (like a fancy Caladium), and until they are covered with snow, they are objects of great beauty. Much used in Europe for ornamental bedding, being equal to some of the finest Crotons, mixed sorts 10



Perilla Lanceolata.

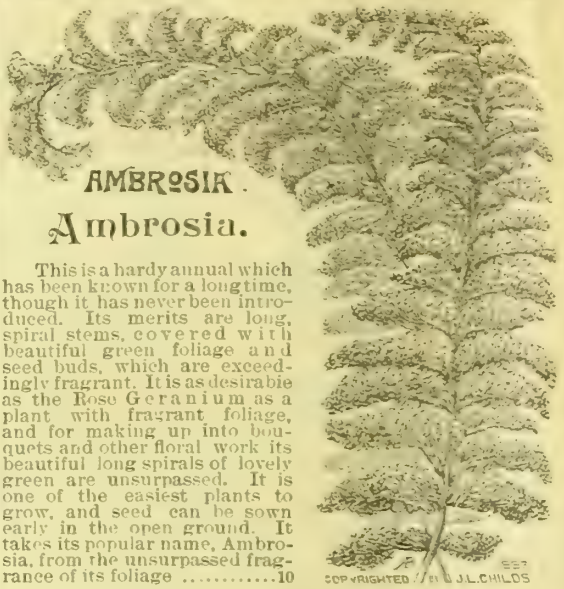
A rapid growing plant of odd and beautiful appearance, resembling closely some of the finer varieties of Coleus. The leaves are large and broad, and are of a rich black color, and the compact habit of the plant makes it a striking object in any place..... 5

Amaranthus Rainbow.

A beautiful foliage plant of most unique coloring. Inner foliage is a blackish bronze, while the outer foliage is glowing crimson, framed with gold, bronze and green. A fine thing when well grown, and highly colored in July, August and September. The foliage of this plant shows all colors of the rainbow, hence its name.....10

FRAGRANT FOLIAGE.

All in this column have highly scented foliage.



Ambrosia.

This is a hardy annual which has been known for a long time, though it has never been introduced. Its merits are long, spiral stems, covered with beautiful green foliage and seed buds, which are exceedingly fragrant. It is as desirable as the Rose Geranium as a plant with fragrant foliage, and for making up into bouquets and other floral work its beautiful long spirals of lovely green are unsurpassed. It is one of the easiest plants to grow, and seed can be sown early in the open ground. It takes its popular name, Ambrosia, from the unsurpassed fragrance of its foliage 10

Lemon Verbena.

Everyone knows the Lemon Verbena, and everyone ought to have a few specimens of it; its fragrant foliage is so fine to use in bouquets and other floral work.....10

Musk Plants.

Mimulus Moschatus -A fine plant, with foliage highly musk-scented. Makes a splendid pot plant..... 5

Malva Moschata—The old perennial musk plant which used to be in every garden, but now seldom seen. Perfectly hardy, and produces quantities of large Petunia-like flowers, pink or white. A grand old plant.....10

Artemisia Gracilis.

Beautifully cut, feathery foliage of fine fragrance and great beauty. Its habit of growth is pyramidal, 4 to 5 feet high, and every branch is covered with a thick growth of fine feathery foliage, which is of the brightest emerald-green color. It is particularly adapted to cut-flower work, and all will find it useful and highly satisfactory. Sow seed in the open ground early..... 5

Geranium, Apple Scented.

A beautiful basket plant of luxurious trailing growth and handsome round leaves, that enhale a perfume like rich, luscious apples. A favorite with all who grow it, and a grand foliage plant.....10

Eucalyptus Citroides.

A beautiful tropical shrub that can be grown as a pot plant. Its leaves are from the first deliciously fragrant, with a penetrating lemon-like odor, surpassing the Lemon Verbena. Very fine indeed and invaluable for bouquets.....10

Chamomile.

An old and favorite plant, of fine fragrance.

Matricaria Chamomilla.....10

Monarda.

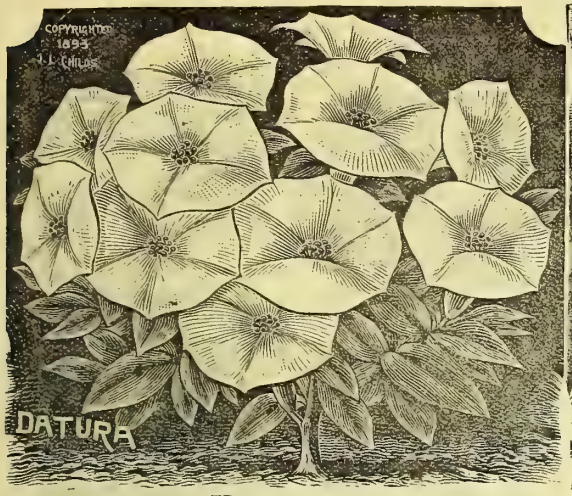
Fine hardy perennial plants which live in the ground year after year, and are alike valuable for their very showy blossoms and for the strong, delicious, and refreshing mint-like fragrance of their leaves. Little known or cultivated and will delight every one who plants it.

Mixed Sorts, several colors..... 5

SPECIAL OFFER. *One packet each of these 9 finest scented foliage plants for only 40c.*

Seed of Evening Blooming Plants.

Delightful hardy annuals for early garden sowing. Make a great show evenings and mornings.



Datura.

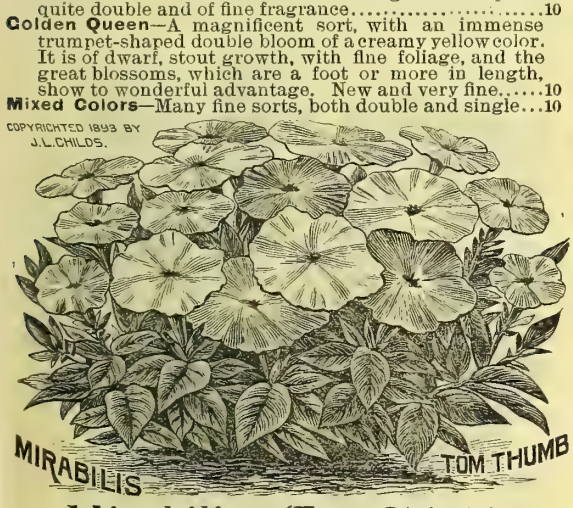
This is a majestic garden plant which is easily grown, and which furnishes an abundance of magnificent large blossoms. It has a very tropical appearance. Per pkt.

Sweet Nightingale—One of the finest garden flowers. Plants rapid and bushy growers, crowned with great Lily-like blossoms a foot in length, like an enormous trumpet, white as snow and deliciously scented. It is a fine plant for the center of a bed of evening bloomers or to use at the base of a rockery. One plant in bloom will scent up a whole garden or lawn.....10

Cornucopia—Much like the double Brugmansia, except it is more dwarf in habit, and a fine lilac and white color. Blooms in two or three months from seed, and is a superb flower for the garden, or as a pot plant both summer and winter. Flowers like great trumpets: quite double and of fine fragrance.....10

Golden Queen—A magnificent sort, with an immense trumpet-shaped double bloom of a creamy yellow color. It is of dwarf, stout growth, with fine foliage, and the great blossoms, which are a foot or more in length, show to wonderful advantage. New and very fine.....10

Mixed Colors—Many fine sorts, both double and single...10



Mirabilis—(Four O'clock.)

Much used in the now popular "evening" beds and also for summer hedges, low screens, etc., for which their uniform, bushy growth well adapts them. Plants are crowned for months with innumerable silk-like flowers of the most ravishing colors, and exhaling a delicious perfume. Indeed, the celebrated "Jocky Club" perfume is made from Longiflora. These flowers owe their common name of "Four O'clock" to the regularity with which their beautiful flowers open at that hour each afternoon.

Tom Thumb, Yellow Leaved—Mixed colors. A new dwarf strain of great beauty. Grows only 12 inches high, and each plant is a compact mass of lovely yellowish leaves, which in evening are hidden by hundreds of gay blossoms of all colors and variegations..... 5

Longiflora—Flowers 4 inches long and very fragrant..... 5

Œnothera—(*Evening Primrose.*)

Large, saucer-shaped blooms of the purest white, or softest, richest shades of yellow, and deliciously fragrant. The swollen buds expand at dusk with a sudden "snap" that always delights the children and interests the adults. Seed can be sown in the open ground, and plants will soon bloom

Acaulis—Extra large, pure white..... 5

Macrantha—Very large, golden yellow..... 5

Mixed Sorts—A fine variety of color.....10

Nicotiana.

Fine for separate clumps or masses, or for the center of beds of evening bloomers. One of the easiest of all plants to grow, and equally fine for outdoor culture or for winter blooming in pots. Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It is one of the few plants that will flower well without a single ray of direct sunshine, and for shaded grounds and north windows it is invaluable.

Affinis—Three feet high, with hundreds of fragrant blossoms borne for months without intermission..... 5

Sylvestris—We regret that space does not permit us to show a large cut of this beautiful plant. It is a magnificent garden ornament, growing five feet high, with large handsome leaves, making it a grand foliage plant. It also bears large, branching panicles of long, tubular, white flowers, which are very handsome and fragrant, each panicle showing as many as 50 flowers at a time. For ornamental bedding it is great. 10

Mathiola Bicornis.

Near relative of the Ten Weeks Stocks, with lovely sprays of pink flowers highly fragrant..... 5

One pkt. each of these 12 Evening Bloomers for only 60c.

THE MAYFLOWER for Jan. 1903 is devoted entirely to Evening Bloomers, telling all about them. 5c. per copy.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

Flowers of eternal beauty—those which never fade—are offered on this page. They are unsurpassed for winter decorations, and may be made into bouquets, baskets, vases, etc. They last for years by being cut and dried when in bud and blossom. The following are all exceedingly beautiful and easily grown.

Ammobium, Alatum

A very useful everlasting. Plant robust, and great bloomer. Flowers pure white, and very double. Dry as recommended for Acroclinium, and be sure to cut plenty of buds, as they dry beautifully, and are useful to contrast with the full blown flowers..... 5

Acroclinium.

Probably the most beautiful everlasting known. Flowers pure pearly white, or an exquisite soft clear shade of pink, with bright golden center. Cut the first day they open, or the center becomes discolored. Hang the branches heads downward in the shade to dry, and the flowers will appear as perfect as when gathered. 1 foot high.

New Double Mixed Colors—Large, full and fine..... 10

Gomphrena.

Remove cottony covering from seeds, and start in heat if possible. Good for garden, and make neat pot plants. Plants bear great quantities of clover-like blooms, altogether different in appearance from any other everlasting, and very attractive buds as well as full blown flowers, extra fine for winter bouquets,

All Colors Mixed—White, crimson, orange, etc,..... 5

Rhodanthe.

A fine everlasting, good for the garden, and a pretty pot plant. The most delicate and graceful of this useful class. Try it by all means and cut blooms early for drying.

Manglesi—Bright clear pink and pure white mixed..... 5

Helichrysum.

One of the most useful of all everlastings. Plants grow two feet high, and are very hardy, blooming until late autumn. An easy plant to grow, and flowers are very bright. The white and light colored varieties color easily, and are often dyed in shades not otherwise obtainable in everlastings, and used in wreaths, crosses, and winter bouquets. Flowers should be picked before fully expanded, especially for dyeing.

Monstrosum—Mixed colors, very large..... 5

Dwarf—Mixed colors, compact and free flowering..... 5

Xeranthemum.

An easily-grown everlasting, and furnishes the only shades of blues and purple to be found in this class.

Mixed Colors..... 5

Grasses, Ornamental.

The everlastings would be quite useless without their setting of soft, pretty grasses in winter bouquets. Grow a good quantity of these elegant grasses. There are many of them quite ornamental in the garden and are all useful for cutting for summer bouquets, as well as for drying for winter or for dyeing.

Mixed Dwarf Annual Grasses—Many fine sorts..... 5

Mixed Tall Annual Grasses..... 5

SPECIAL OFFER—*One packet each of all these Everlastings and Grasses for only 30c.*

THE MAYFLOWER for December, 1905, is devoted to EVERLASTING FLOWERS and GRASSES, giving modes of culture, how to cure and make up into bouquets, wreaths, etc. Do not fail to see it.

ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

Every garden, every cottage, every fence, wall, stump, or old tree is beautified by the graceful and profuse flowering vines here offered. Vines are nature's draperies and are essential to any and every attempt to beautify one's home surroundings. The following selection is all that can be desired among annual climbers

Flowering Beans.

Flowering Beans are as beautiful as Sweet Peas, and fine as tall luxuriant climbers. Finely scented,

Japanese White or Wistaria Bean—This new flowering Bean is from Japan, and produces its long clusters of fine pure white flowers in the greatest profusion. These flowers so closely resemble the glorious white Wistaria, and are borne in such fine Wistaria-like clusters, that it is most appropriately called the White Wistaria Bean. It is a fine rapid climber, and just covers itself with flowers, which, in addition to their beauty, are finely scented. New last year.....10

Pink Wistaria—Much like the above but a rich violet pink and white, followed by very ornamental and highly colored dark ebony-red pods. New.....10

Scarlet Runner—Masses of intense scarlet flowers.....10

Mixed Sorts—Many colors.....10

The Kudzu Vine.

New Japanese Flowering Bean.

This is the most rapid growing vine known, (13 inches in one day,) It has a tuberous root, which is perfectly hardy everywhere, and in spring sends up vigorous shoots, which will quickly shade an entire piazza front. It will grow 50 feet the first summer from seed sown in the open ground in May. Its foliage is very luxuriant, and its rose-colored fragrant flowers are produced in large clusters. For covering porches, arbors, fences, stumps, dead trees, etc., with a luxuriant curtain of foliage, and in the shortest possible space of time, there is no climber that can equal it.....10

Cypress Vine.

One of the prettiest vines imaginable; slender vines, thickly clothed with dark green, feathery foliage of great beauty, and dotted with intensely bright velvety flowers that shine like little stars against their glossy background of green. Fine for training to small trellises or to run up poles or strings. One of the neatest and most attractive of the Annual Climbers. Mixed colors, white, scarlet, etc.....5

Cobæa.

One of the finest of all climbers, equally good for out of doors or for house culture. Pretty foliage and large, bell-shaped flowers that open a clear green, but turn to a lovely purplish blue. Plant seed edgewise in moist but not wet soil: cover to prevent evaporation, and do not water again unless soil becomes very dry. When seedlings appear water with great moderation until out of the seed leaf.

Scandens—Fine blush purple.....5

Scandens Alba—New white.....10

Canary Bird Flower.

A dainty vine with beautiful cut leaves and pretty, delicate flowers of a clear canary yellow. From the color of its blossoms, and also from a fancied resemblance of their shape to a bird with wings expanded, the plant obtains its common name. A pretty vine for the window. 5

Gourds.

Well-known climbers, with the most fantastic and grotesque fruit imaginable. Fine for covering sheds, training over fences, or brush piles, and always sure to attract the attention of the children, who love to play with the pretty striped and oddly crooked fruits. Keep perfect for years.

Mixed Sorts—All sizes, shapes and colors.....10

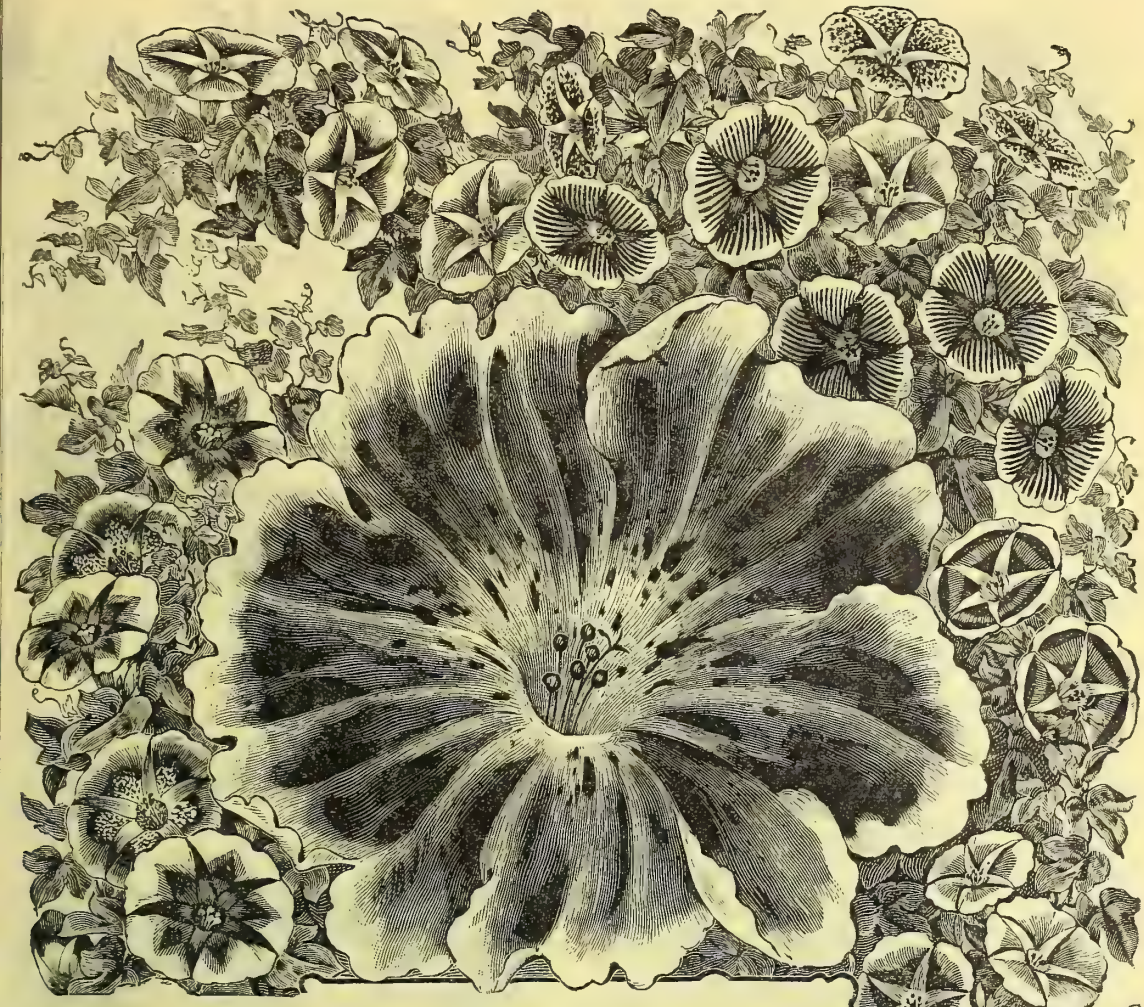
Nest Egg, Improved—A striking vine when hanging full of its pretty, curious fruit that so closely resembles smooth well-shaped hens' eggs, that a hen might well be excused for claiming them as her own production. As the shells become very tough and hard they do not crack or burst open in freezing weather, and are thus very useful for nest eggs. Very ornamental as well....10

Dipper—Another useful Gourd, that, as the fruit is light and strong and does not rust or rot or heat easily, is just right to use in dipping hot liquids, soaps, etc., besides being useful for birds' nests, fancy hanging baskets, etc..... 5

Sugar Trough—Enormous hard-shelled fruit, holding from three to ten gallons each, and as they never rust or rot, and are very light and strong, are just right to use as receptacles for lard, salt, seed corn, soap, etc., or to use as nesting boxes, buckets, etc. They last for years.. 5

Fragrant—Oval round fruits, 2 to 3 inches long, and nearly as thick through. Pretty striped or mottled shells, the inside filled with musk melon-like flesh and seeds. One fruit will perfume a room with the most delicious odor..10

Early Luffa—Seed sown in the open ground in any Northern State or Canada, like Cucumbers, will bear and ripen an abundance of fruit before frost. The lace-like net-work of fibre which forms inside the fruits is a very useful article, and is used for various purposes, such as dish-rags, sponges, and even for bonnets and other millinery work. The flowers of this variety are also very numerous, large and showy.....10



New Japan Morning Glories.

CHILDS' GIANT IMPERIAL.

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moonflowers, colors, markings, and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Seed germinates quickly, and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, five or six inches across, and of the most delicate, vivid and blending colors to be seen in any flower. Some will be pure white, others crimson, brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., while others show a rich and varied combination of colors blended together in a most enchanting way; spotted, blotched, striped, stained, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. To add to their beauty the leaves of many of the varieties are richly marbled and variegated white and green. Nothing among flowers can furnish a more beautiful sight than a screen, hedge, or trellis of these Giant Morning Glories. To secure the beautiful varieties which we here offer our agent traveled in Japan, from garden to garden, collecting a little seed from each one, as the best cannot be bought in quantity, and is not to be compared with any Japanese Morning Glory seed which may be put upon the market,

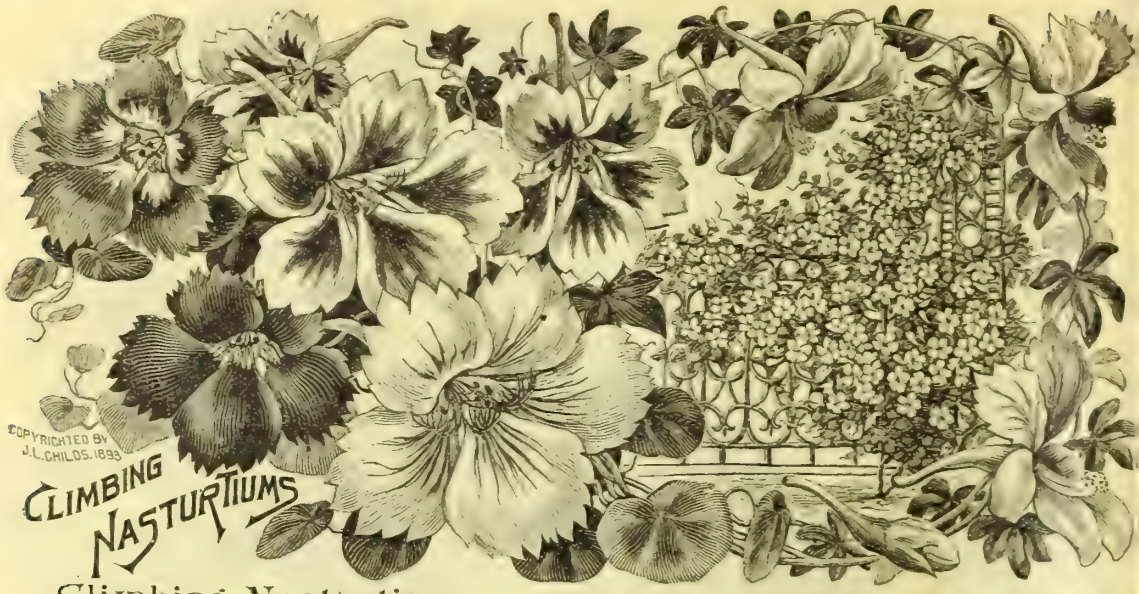
Mixed, All Colors—More than 100 kinds (oz. 50c.).....10
Giant Mikado—The newest and grandest strain with enormous blossoms, and the greatest range of beautiful colors and fantastic variegations.....20
Ceres—Extra fine. Bright magenta, with wide white border. Foliage variegated.....10
Aurata—Elegant yellowish foliage, often marbled white; flowers of various colors.....10
Antigone—Marbled foliage, large sky-blue blossoms.....10
Giant Yellow—A most novel and beautiful color, being a fine yellow, often spotted and marked with other colors. Very valuable.....15
Double Mixed Colors—Many plants from this seed will produce double blossoms.....20

FUCHSIA-FLOWERED MORNING GLORY.

A perfect gem of a vine, being of very slender graceful growth, with beautiful foliage and climbing rapidly to a good height. Its lovely blossoms are about the size of a Fuchsia and droop in the same manner, hanging by long thread-like stems. Color fine lilac pink. A decidedly lovely and novel vine.....10

COMMON MORNING GLORY.

Mixed Colors—The old-fashioned climbing Morning Glory (oz. 10c.)..... 5
Dwarf or Bush Morning Glory—Fine mixed colors. Grows in bush form..... 5



Climbing Nasturtiums.

Climbing Nasturtiums can be used as bedders by pegging the long shoots to the ground, as low climbers for window or screen, or used as house climbers in winter. They are never molested by insects and are quick, clean growers that soon cover themselves with flowers of the brightest, richest colors. Everyone likes them who tries them. They withstand heat and drouth well.

Per pkt

Mixed, All Colors—Very fine. Oz., 20c..... 5

Mad. Cunthert Hybrids—A new strain of large flowered, elegantly blotched and marked sorts. More than twenty different colors and shades appear among them. All of new and peculiar beauty. Splendid rapid growers, and fine foliage..... 10

Caprice—This lovely Nasturtium is a climber, and bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated. Fine for windows.....10

Canariensis or Canary Bird Flower—A lovely climber with beautiful foliage and fine flowers..... 5

New Golden Climber—A splendid climbing Nasturtium, with beautiful golden colored leaves and brilliant blossoms of a great variety of fine colors. It makes a vine, either for the garden or window, which is of the most striking oddity and beauty, and will attract attention. The bright colored blossoms, mingled with the charming light yellow leaves, produce a pretty effect.....10

Othello—A novelty of this year. A fine climber, with black flowers, and dark vines and foliage. A very novel, unique and beautiful variety..... 20

Lobbianum, or Oriole—Mixed colors, many shades, and all with fine fimbriated petals. Colors intense and very striking, being far more brilliant than other Nasturtiums. Foliage also very beautiful and the growth of vine exceedingly graceful. For garden culture they are superb; but for window culture they are grand, as they grow and flower freely during fall, winter and spring.....10

NASTURTIUM LOBBIANUM, OR ORIOLE.

Moonflower.

See inside front cover page for our fine new Moonflowers.

Mixed Moonflowers, all kinds..... 10

HARDY PERENNIALS.

These are all hardy plants which live in the garden year after year, blooming every spring or summer, with little or no care. They are exceedingly beautiful, while many of them are among the brightest gems of the floral kingdom. As a rule, they bloom early in the spring, when the garden is almost destitute of flowers. What garden is complete without the Sweet William, Digitalis, Delphinium, Aquilegia, Hollyhock, etc.? Do not fail to sow seed of a good collection of these beautiful hardy plants this season; they will be a joy for the rest of your lifetime. Sow seed in the open ground any time from May 1st to the end of July.

Aquilegia or Columbine.

One of the best of the early summer perennials. Curious flowers, extremely graceful and beautiful, and borne in great quantities high above the foliage, which itself is very beautiful and attractive. Extra fine for cutting.

Prize Mixture—100 varieties, double and single, all colors.. 5
Chrysantha—Large golden yellow.....10

Aster Alpina.

Blue—One of the most charming hardy perennial plants we have ever seen. Its flowers are borne in profusion early in spring, and are the size of a large wild Daisy, about three inches across, composed of a double row of intensely blue petals, surrounding a golden yellow center. It is double the size of any other hardy Aster, and closely resembles a large Paris Daisy in shape and general appearance. Another important point is its extreme earliness, beginning to bloom usually in May....10
Alba—Like above, but pure white.....10
Mixed—Several fine colors.....10

Hollyhock.

One of the finest of all perennials, and unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, center of wide borders, etc. Plants grow from four to six feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes of large, rosette-like flowers of every shade and color, from pure white to almost black. The yellow, magenta, rose and black are intensely pure and deep, while the pure white, pale lemon, soft pink and lavender shades are exquisitely soft and delicate. The pearly blooms of the white Hollyhock are as fine for all floral work as the most double Rose or Camellia. If seeds are started very early, plants often bloom the next September.

Double White—Pure and true 10
" **Magenta**—Fine bright color.....10
" **Lemon**—Pure, bright lemon color.....10
" **Pink**—Very delicate and pretty.....10
" **Black**—Rich, chocolate black.....10
Double, Mixed Colors—Very choice, embracing over twenty different shades.....10
Mammoth Allegheny—Flowers 4 to 6 inches across, finely fringed and curled, and of such exquisite shading as to resemble crushed silk. Colors, pink, red, rose, shaded, tinted, bordered, etc., all mixed..... 10
Giant Single, Mixed Colors—A gigantic strain of the old fashioned single Hollyhock, growing 8 or 9 feet high, with spikes of flowers 5 feet or more in height. Very effective and showy..... 5
Early Flowering or Annual—Blooms first season from seed. Large, double and fine. Mixed colors. 10

CENTROSEMA GRANDIFLORA.

Centrosema Grandiflora.

This new vine has come to stay. It is easy to grow, quick to bloom, beautiful in flower and leaf, and is a hardy perennial, lasting for years. It will flower the first season from seed, and autumn frosts will find it still in bloom. It is a low, graceful climber, growing only six to eight feet high, which makes it far more suitable for a low trellis or lattice work, or to train around a door or window in summer than a taller, larger-leaved vine would be, and its masses of large, inverted, pea-shaped blossoms, two inches or more across, and borne in clusters of four to eight flowers together, are very showy and pleasing. Fill a tall vase with its dainty, bright flowers and foliage alone, and see how lovely they are for cutting. In color they range from rosy violet and reddish purple, with exquisite feathering or bordering of pure white to pure snow white. The rosy violet shades are the most common, but as the buds and the back of the flowers of the dark varieties are pure white, each vine has the appearance of bearing different colored flowers at once. The winning way in which the flowers look up at one has won them the fanciful name of Look-at-me Vine, Per pkt.

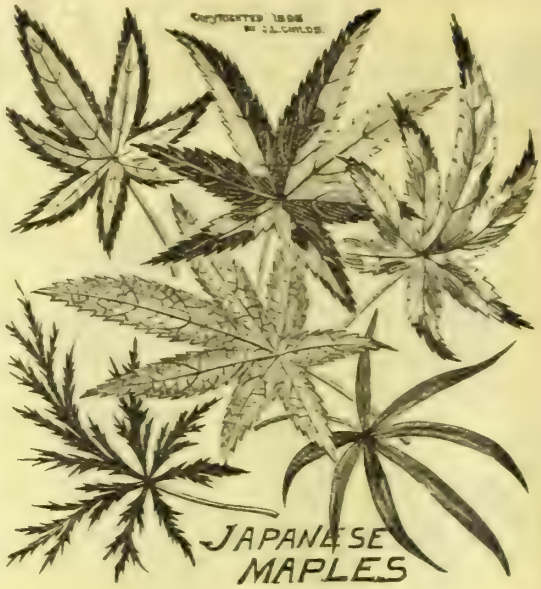
Mixed—All colors.....10

Candytuft, Hardy.

One of the very best early perennials, extra fine for cemetery use, as the plants are a solid mass of white at just the time when flowers are most scarce, and as the plants are perfectly hardy they need no fussing with. Those who have never grown the Hardy Candytuft have missed a floral treat.

Pruitii—Dwarf, extra and fine.....10

Sempervirens—Large flowering, pure white..... 5



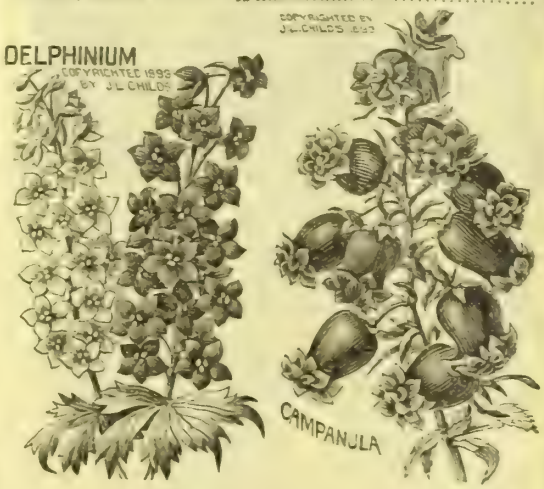
Japanese Maples.

These are the most beautiful, unique, and the highest-priced Ornamental Shrubs to be had; hence they are seldom seen. We have secured from Japan a quantity of seed saved from all the finest varieties (of which there are hundreds), from which our customers can grow a fine lot at little expense. When small they make most charming pot plants, the varied colors and patterns of the leaves making them highly attractive. As they get larger they may be planted permanently on the lawn, as they are hardy, where they will make most beautiful objects. The leaves of the various sorts range in color from dark crimson to pink, green, white, etc., many being beautifully variegated, and mottled. Besides their fine colors they are beautifully cut and divided. Mixed seed of many sorts.....10

Campanula.

Beautiful plants, known as Canterbury Bells. Large bell-shaped flowers, very cheerful and attractive. Colors, blue, white, pink, etc. Sow seed in open ground, cover lightly and thin plants to stand twelve inches apart.

Double, Mixed Colors—A fine strain..... 5



Delphinium.

Mixed Colors—One of the choicest perennials known, and increases in beauty each year. Tall, stately growing, with immense spikes of the most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep, dark blues. Sow seed in autumn or very early in spring, and plants will often bloom the first summer. Very hardy. 5

PICOTEE OR HARDY CARNATION

Linum Perenne.

We will not attempt to convey to our readers an impression of its great beauty; this they can never know until they see it, but will say that it is a hardy perennial, sending up numerous stems which send out long, wiry branches, which are clothed with a growth of small, almost hair-like foliage. At the tips of the branches are poised large, salver-shaped blossoms, borne with such airy grace that they appear to be floating in the air. The effect is charming. Mixed colors..10

PERENNIAL PEA.

Digitalis.

One of our special favorties. This, with the double Hollyhocks, and the Delphinium, form a stately trio of tall-growing plants of which nothing finer can be chosen for backgrounds, center of wide borders, interspersing with shrubbery, etc. If plants are not allowed to seed, they are crowned for months by long pyramidal spikes of lovely pendant thimble-shaped bells, snow white, rosy blush, or exquisitely shaded or spotted. The blooms are nearly or quite two inches in length, and lar each other with the utmost regularity.
Cloxinoides Grandiflora—A strain with large, beautiful Gloxinia-like blossoms. All colors mixed..... 5

Perennial Peas

No praise can be too high for this lovely iron-clad vine, that blooms constantly from early summer until late autumn minding neither heat or cold, rain or drouth. Plants of vigor and healthfulness, bearing a profusion of long-stalked clustered flowers, white, pink and deep rose in color, each flower an inch or more across, 4 to 6 feet in height.
Mixed All Colors..... 5
Pure White—Superb..... 10
Deep Crimson—Fine rich color..... 5
Pink Beauty—White, veined, edged and shaded rosy pink. 5

Sweet William.

The favorite flower of our grandmothers. One of the best edging plants for the border, bearing in early summer large heads of the richest and most varied colors. Very fragrant and a favorite with everyone for vases and bouquets.
Improved Mixed Colors—Perfect in form, large in size, brilliant and varied in colors..... 5
Double Mixed Colors—Fine double blossoms..... 10

Stokesia or Cornflower Aster.

A lovely hardy perennial, and a free bloomer all summer, a rare merit among perennials. Plants grow 18 to 25 inches high and begin blooming early. The blossoms are Aster-like, fine lavender-blue in color and very handsome. Grows well in any soil or situation, and is sure to become immensely popular..... 5

Picotees.--(Hardy Carnations.)

The hardy garden Carnations are grown in Europe to a far greater extent than the pot varieties, yet strange to say they are hardly known in this country, owing possibly to the fact that they have not been properly introduced. The fact is they are perfectly hardy, standing the winter in the open ground like a Sweet William and blooming most profusely in May or June. The flowers are extra large and perfect in form, very double and of every color, including fine yellows and dull shades of blue. They bloom much more freely than greenhouse Carnations, a plant often showing 50 to 75 flowers.
Carnation Pink, Early Dwarf Vienna—Mixed colors....10
Carnation Pink, Erfurt Giants—Extra large and extra fine. Mixed colors..... 20
Picotee Pink—Flowers more delicate than other pinks and pleasantly fragrant. Though hardy, they are stronger for a little protection over winter. Fine Mixed Colors, including a large range of beautiful shades.....10

Miscellaneous.

Iris Kæmpferi—Double and single mixed..... 10
Lilium Tenuifolium—Blooms second year..... 10
Hyacinthus Candicans..... 5
Gladiolus, see page 93..... 10
Wistaria—Mixed sorts..... 10
Ornamental Shrubs—Seed of 25 sorts mixed..... 10
" **Trees**—Seed of 12 fine sorts mixed..... 10

Seeds for Window or Greenhouse Culture.

The satisfaction derived from the cultivation of house plants is not alone in seeing them bloom. There is joy in seeing them grow and develop day by day, and the one who starts a plant from seed and rears it up to bloom gets all the pleasure there is in plant culture. Geraniums, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Gloxinias, Begonias, Heliotrope, etc., are easily grown from seed, and it is really fascinating to raise them in this way, watching each plant as it unfolds its blooms, noting its form, color and other characteristics, and when occasionally we discover an immensely fine one much superior to any we have ever before seen or heard of—the highest pleasure and satisfaction possible to get from plants and flowers is ours. It is from seed that all fine new varieties of house plants are produced, and it is not uncommon for a seedling Chrysanthemum or Carnation to be worth more than a thousand dollars. Our strains of all these seeds are much finer than are usually sold. They are the choicest which can be grown.

ABUTILON.

Abutilon.

As indispensable for the window or greenhouse as the Petunia is for the flower garden. Will stand more abuse and neglect than almost any other house plant. Grows rapidly from seed, and is soon in bloom. Leaves are very ornamental and are often beautifully variegated. Lovely bell-shaped flowers, borne the year around, in all colors—white, pink, yellow, orange, red, etc. Per pkt.

Choice Hybrids, Mixed—All colors mixed 10

Infanta Eulalia Hybrids, Mixed—Large blossoms of various colors. The finest of all Abutilons, blooming freely all the year, and making a short-jointed, bushy growth that is much more desirable than the tall growing kinds.....20

Acacia.

Shrubby plants, with fine, fern-like foliage, and pretty fragrant, tassel-like flowers. Profuse bloomer, and exceedingly graceful. Hardy in the South. Fine for pots. Mixed sorts.....10

BRUGMANSIA ARBOREA.

Aloe.

One of the oddest and most attractive of the popular succulents. Keel-ridged leaves, thick, heavy and dark, beautifully marked with white. The bright scarlet flowers are in racemes a foot long, and are produced in winter. It makes a very pretty specimen. Mixed sorts.....10

Begonia.

One of the most beautiful of all window plants, handsome in foliage, and bearing great quantities of lovely flowers of wax-like texture and exquisitely soft, delicate shades. Seeds are very fine and need care in sowing, but the flowers repay all care given. Seedlings bloom in from five to eight months time.

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids—Fine single mixed. See page 90.....15

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids Double—Fine mixed.....20

Rex, Mixed Sorts—Justly celebrated as the finest of ornamental pot plants. Seed saved from our collection of fifty newest named sorts.....15

Tuberous-Rooted, Rex—Our new strain of fine Tuberous-rooted Rex Begonias, introduced last year.....20

New Hybrids, Mixed—Large flowering and perpetual blooming. This is a mixture of the newest and rarest named flowering Begonias. It includes many fine hybrids, and seed is saved from our noted collection of rare sorts. We have taken the greatest pains in hybridizing this seed, and it will produce many distinct new forms.....15

Vernon, Mixed Colors—Flowers perpetually the year around, the plants being completely covered with bloom all the time, especially during winter.....15

Vernon, Double Mixed Colors—This is perfectly exquisite. Always in bloom. See page 119.....15

Golden Gleam—Most lovely sort with golden foliage and beautiful flowers.....10

Crimson Leaved—When bedded out leaves turn brilliant crimson. Flowers dark red.....10

Asparagus.

Sprengeri—A new variety of the finest ornamental qualities. For hanging pots or bracket pots when the masses of rich foliage can droop in its natural grace, it is one of the loveliest objects it is possible to find for window decoration. For cutting it lasts weeks in water. Plants also blossom freely and bear large red berries which add greatly to the beauty of the wavy foliage. Nothing finer for decorating, or for bouquet making.....10

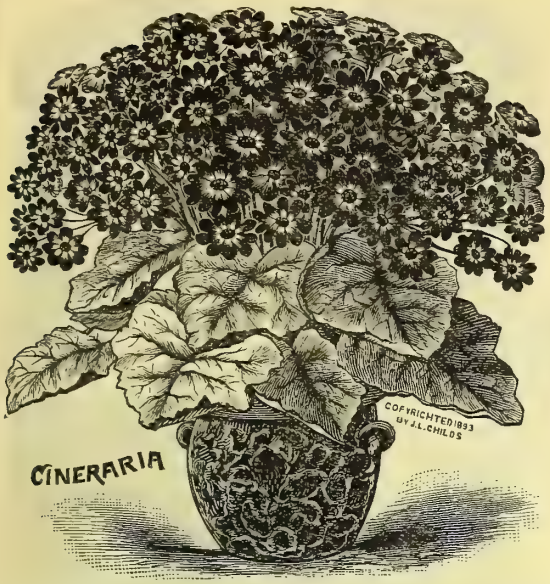
Plumosus Nanus—Fine lace-like foliage, compact and most exquisite. A grand foliage plant.....10

Brugmansia.

Most magnificent pot plant, growing several feet high, and producing hundreds of large pure white, highly scented trumpet-like blossoms a foot or more in length. For full description see plant department.

Arborea—Superb, pure white.....10

" **Fl. Pl.**—Double white; grand.....25



Cineraria.

A wondrously beautiful greenhouse or window plant, and not at all hard to grow. Seeds germinate quickly and easily, and young plants grow off without any trouble. Keep in a shady place over summer, and remove to house in fall. Use insecticides to keep free from aphis, and as flower buds show give good light. A beautiful plant, the large, luxuriant leaves surmounted in late winter and early spring by immense panicles of magnificent large flowers of the most brilliant colors. Nothing could be more effective in the window; in fact no flower is more showy or effective, and the flowers last in full glory for two or three months. Colors exceedingly rich and velvety, ranging from crimson-black to pure white, through all the shades of crimsons and blues, frequently with large white centers or exquisite borders. Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed—Large flowering prize varieties.....10
Grandiflora Dwarf, Mixed—Two to three inches, exquisite.10
Double Flowered—Extra choice mixed.....20

Cacti.

At once one of the most curious and popular class of plants grown. Many fine varieties can be grown from seed, with a little care and patience. Sow seed in shallow pans or saucers filled with clear, coarse sand, with good drainage. Cover with glass, keep moderately moist, but not wet. Pot seedlings into very small pots.

Mixed Sorts—30 to 50 kinds.....20

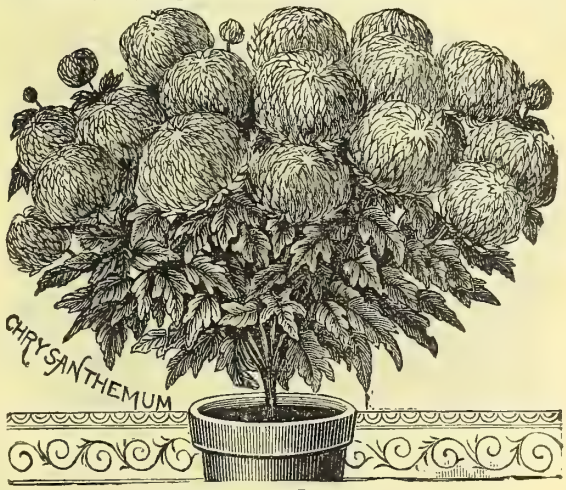
Cyclamen.

For cut and full description of our grand new Cyclamen, see page 89. It is by far the finest strain ever grown.
Persicum Giganteum—Finest mixture.....20

Calceolaria.

Not one in ten of our customers have ever seen a Calceolaria in bloom, yet it is one of the handsomest and most striking pot plants we know of. Seeds fine, and must be sown with care, but after they are fairly up they grow well, and will bloom the next winter. Each plant bears hundreds of pocket-like flowers spotted and marked in the most curious manner. Our great show of Calceolarias during the late winter and spring months is one of the noted attractions of Floral Park. Per pkt.

Dwarf Hybrids—Large flowering, mixed colors.....15
Grandiflora—Spotted and tinged, as well as fine self-colors; very large and exceedingly fine.....20



Chrysanthemum.

Chrysanthemum seed sown in the winter will produce large, vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers, even more than old plants. No matter how many plants you raise, no two will be alike, and some are likely to be valuable. All colors, shapes, sizes and varieties will be produced. The great beauty of a collection of seedling Chrysanthemums cannot be appreciated until it is seen. They are grand, and are very easily raised. Seeds germinate freely and quickly, and the plants, being of a hardy and robust nature, make a rapid growth.

Extra Choice, Mixed—All colors and varieties; Japanese, Ostrich Plume, Anemone-flowered, etc.....20

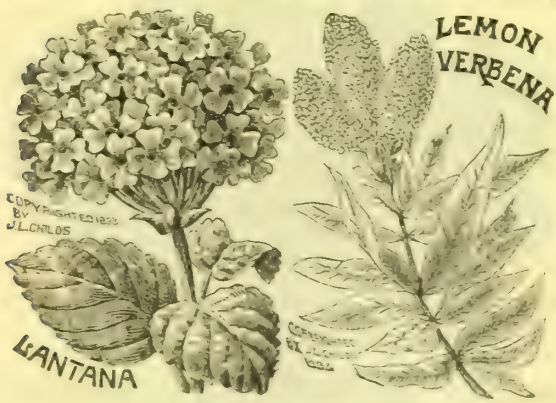
Calla, Ethiopica Praecox.

A dwarf, compact large-flowering white Calla of great beauty, and it grows and flowers quickly from seed. For cut and full description see page 86.....20

Gerbera or Crimson Daisy.

A Superb New Flower.

This flowers both summer and winter, and makes a fine pot plant. The flower stems rise from the very crown of the plant at the surface of the soil to a height of two feet, and are exceedingly graceful, bearing a large, daisy-like blossom three or four inches across, and of a fine crimson color, with a velvety texture which makes it particularly beautiful. It blooms all winter in pots and in the open ground all summer. One of the most graceful flowers we have ever seen..20



Lantana.

A little slow to germinate, but seedlings grow rapidly and soon make thrifty plants. An extra fine bedding plant, with very brilliant Verbena-like flowers. We offer a very fine strain. Flowers in all shades of vermillion, orange, lemon, white and pink. Mixed colors.....10

Lemon Verbena.

Everyone knows the Lemon Verbena, and everyone ought to have a few specimens of it; its fragrant foliage is so fine to use for bouquets and other floral work.....10

Genista.

Lovely pot shrubs growing freely and blooming profusely.

Shower of Gold—Golden yellow.....10
Bridal Veil—Elegant, pure white.....30

DOUBLE GERANIUM.

SINGLE GERANIUM.

Geranium.

Very easily grown from seeds, and if started early will bloom the first summer and fall. Seedling plants are always healthy and make a strong, luxuriant growth, blooming more freely than old plants. Anyone can produce magnificent results growing Geraniums from seed, and we advise all our customers to try it.

Per pkt.

Zonale, Extra Choice—Mixed, from finest new large-flowered varieties.....10
New Hybrid Large-Flowering—Grand strain, from which we grew the magnificent new sorts offered among Specialties and Novelties. Will give the finest results. All colors, mixed.....20
Bronze, Silver and Gold Mixed—Very fine foliage.....15
Tricolor—Fine rainbow leaves. Extra.....30
Rose Skeleton-Leaved—Very fine and fragrant.....20
Apple Scented—Very delightfully scented leaves.....10
Double Mixed—Saved especially for us from the finest new sorts, and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence.....20
Pelargonium, or Lady Washington—Fine mixed. These are perfectly magnificent, but seed is so scarce that only a very few can be given in a pkt.....20
Ivy Leaved—Double and single mixed; extra fine, with magnificent trusses of bright colored flowers, and a beautiful trailing habit, with rich, ivy-like foliage.....20

Ferns.

Ferns are exquisite for table or drawing-room decorations, wardian cases, hanging baskets, or rockeries. Spores are very fine, and should be surface sown on sifted soil, and covered with glass. If sown in ordinary pot saucers, necessary moisture can be supplied by placing a saucer of soil inside of a large saucer that has been filled with water.

Mixed—Many fine sorts.....10
Boston Fern—Finest of all.....10

Fuchsia.

Lovely pot plants, which bloom profusely at all times. Grows rapidly from seed, producing many fine new sorts.

Mixed Hybrids—Finest seed from best double and single named sorts.....15
Procumbens—Beautiful trailer for hanging pots; flowers best in winter.....10
Boliviana—Long racemes of bright scarlet flowers.....10

Gloxinia.

Gloxinias grow well from seed, and, if given good care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed, giving large and beautiful blossoms. Our seed is extra choice.

Fine Mixed—From a good collection.....10
Childs' Giant Mixed—The largest and finest of all strains of Gloxinia. Blooms in a short time from seed.....20
Named Sorts, (see page 21).....15

Hibiscus.

Chinensis—Fine pot plants with large showy flowers, some double and some single. All mixed.....10

HELIOTROPE, EARLY-FLOWERING MAMMOTH.

Heliotrope.

NEW EARLY-FLOWERING MAMMOTH.

This new strain of Heliotrope blooms in a very short time from seed, and plants are as easily raised from seed as Pansies or Asters. The seedlings make a rapid growth and are in bloom in a short time. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, three times as large as ordinary Heliotrope, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue to almost pure white, and some with red tints, others with large white eyes. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary sorts. A packet of this seed will furnish a bed of flowers for your garden or lawn which would cost several dollars were you to purchase the plants, and give you great handfuls of delicious blossoms all summer. 15

Musa Ensette

ABYSSINIAN BANANA

Fine single specimens of this are grand beyond description, and give a massive, tropical effect that nothing else can equal. It grows several feet high the first season, with huge, wide spreading leaves that dwarf everything near it. Give sun, rich soil and abundance of water. It resembles our New Canna Musafolia.....10

Swainsonia.

Lovely pot plants, blooming freely all the time. Foliage as well as flowers is exquisitely handsome. One of the very finest of all pot plants for constant blooming. Flowers closely resemble Sweet Peas, and are borne in large clusters. There are two colors, white and pink. We offer fine plants of both sorts on another page.

Mixed Colors—White and pink.....10

Streptocarpus, Grandiflora Hybrids

We can honestly say that we do not know a pot plant more desirable for window culture than these new giant-flowered hybrids of Streptocarpus. They are very tough, hardy plants, likely to stand any amount of abuse and thrive under adverse surroundings. Plants from seed will begin blooming in a few months, and continue for YEARS, without once stopping. Leaves long and narrow, radiating from the crown of the plant, close to the soil. From the same spot spring the flower stems, shooting up to the height of 6 to 10 inches, each one bearing a large trumpet-shaped flower of exceptional beauty, some pure white, blue or purple, but mostly finely marked in a charming manner with harmonious colors. A plant will show several of these exquisite flowers all the time, those which fade being replaced by others, which are constantly appearing. The flowers during late fall, winter and spring, are particularly fine, and it is the grandest window plant that has been introduced in a long time.....15

Palms.

Grand decorative plants for the house or piazza, and increase in value each year. Easily grown from seeds, which are slow, but quite sure to germinate.

Mixed Sorts—Many varieties.....20
Filifera, or Weeping—Very fine and easily grown.....10
Seaforthia Elegans—One of the finest and best known...15
Phœnix Canariensis.....15
" **Reclinata**—Elegant curved fronds of great size..20

Oleander.

Well-known shrubby plants for tub culture. Very beautiful when in bloom.

Mixed Colors..... 10

Passiflora.

Lovely climber for windows or greenhouses. Mixed sorts.....10

Primula Sinensis.

Easy to grow, pretty in leaf, handsome in flower, and continuously in bloom for months at a time. These merits alone would earn it a place in every window, but when we add that it is one of the plants never attacked by insects and that it will blossom in a sunless window, where a Geranium or Heliotrope would never show a bud, it is clear that the smallest collection would never be complete without it. Young, vigorous plants are always the best, and are easily grown if the seed is sown on light porous soil, underlaid with charcoal, and kept moist, but not wet, until the seeds germinate, which will be in about two weeks. Give young plants plenty of air and plunge pots in summer in cool, shady places. Our seed is saved from the choicest strains and can be relied upon to produce the largest flowers and finest colors. Per pkt.

Mixed—Very good; from a fine collection.....10

Fimbriata Cristata Hybrids—Fine new hybrid strain, with crisp foliage, and producing a great diversity of colors, from white to deep crimson.....15

Fimbriata Filicifolia—Mixed (fern-leaved); beautiful cut-leaved foliage.....20

Fimbriata Globosa—Mixed colors; this is a new strain of Fimbriata with unusually large flowers of great substance, and colors very clear and dazzling, such as pure white with large lemon eye, deep red, carmine, steel blue, white and pink, striped, flaked with other colors, etc. Extra fine for pot culture.....20

Fimbriata, fl. pl., Double, Mixed Colors—The double Primulas are among the choicest of all window plants, and the admiration of all who see them. The seed we offer is the choicest to be had, and will produce a large per cent. of magnificent double blossoms.....25

Obconica, or Monarch—These are the new large-flowering Obconica Sinensis Hybrids of various colors, and like as Primula Sinensis. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, blue, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. For cut and description, see page 132.....15

Baby Primrose—Plant is exceedingly graceful and ornamental, with slender flower stalks rising above the light green leaves, and bearing many dainty-colored flowers. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant is always in bloom. The foliage growth is a tufty, compact mass, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown in window, and one of the most charming pot plants.....10

Smilax.

This elegant vine is easily grown from seed, which, though slow to germinate, is sure to grow. Not only a fine window vine, but exceedingly fine for outdoor planting wherever a small growing vine is wanted. In the open ground it grows luxuriantly, furnishing great quantities of its dainty glossy-green sprays that are exquisite to use in cut-flower work, and remains fresh and green until after early frosts. In the house it requires good light and freedom from dust. Its feathery little blooms are delicately fragrant, but its chief merit is its exquisitely beautiful foliage.....5

Violets.

A fine collection of many fine varieties and colors—blue, lavender, white. Many of the finest scented varieties are included.

Mixed Sorts.....10

HIBISCUS SUNSHINE

Hibiscus Sunshine.

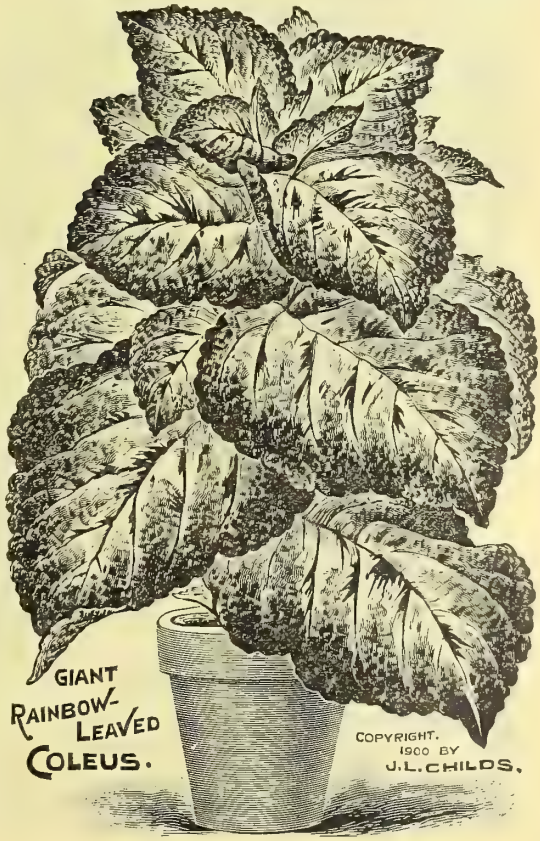
A most glorious garden flower. Plants begin flowering quite early from spring sown seed. The enormous flowers are 10 to 12 inches across, opening quite flat and show to wonderful advantage. Color a clear, bright lemon with a black center. Plant grows 4 to 6 feet tall, showing every day 2 to 3 of these most magnificent blossoms. Nothing else like it or so magnificently beautiful.....20

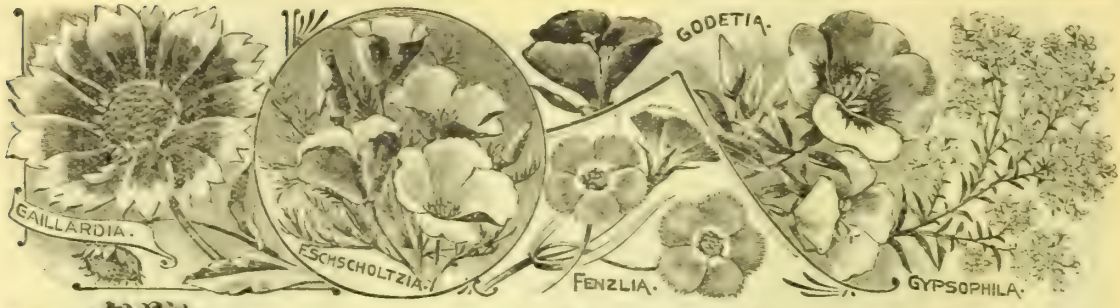
Special Novelties.

We offer no European Novelties until we have thoroughly tested them and learned their real value, as most of them are worthless in this country. The new things offered on colored plate in front part of this catalogue are extra fine. Crimson Cluster Sweet Pea, New Schizanthus, Linaria, etc. Note also the New Asters on page 10, Our improved strain of Coleus, and great Sunshine Hibiscus are marvels of beauty.

Childs' Improved Giant Rainbow Coleus.

This is one of the most magnificent Novelties we ever introduced. It grows easily and rapidly from seed, making fine specimen plants in two or three months, and if you raise a thousand of them no two will be alike. The leaves are large (often a foot long) and wavy, spotted, mottled, striped, splashed, marbled, etc., with the most rich and charming colors—white, purple, pink, crimson, green, yellow, velvety red and black—in endless variety. Such colors; such combinations and contrasts! They excel Fancy-Leaved Caladiums and all other foliage plants. We never put out a finer novelty than this, or one the magnificence of which will prove such a surprise and delight to those who grow it. The seed we offer is saved from the magnificent specimens which have been so greatly admired at our conservatories. We first offered these Coleus four years ago, but have now a greatly improved strain. Pkt. 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.





General List of Flower Seeds.

AT THREE CENTS PER PACKET.

These well-known garden flowers require but little description. We do not claim that our stock and strains of them are extraordinarily fine, as is the case with our Specialties in Choice Select Flower Seeds, which commence on page 7 and run to page 48, but we do claim that they are as good as can be had anywhere, and much better than the average.

Price 3 CENTS Per pkt.

***We have made a uniform price of* 3 CENTS PER PACKET *for these well-known flower seeds. It matters not whether you take one packet or one hundred, the price is* 3 CENTS PER PACKET.**

ASTER, Lilliput-Flowered—Plants of medium height, almost smothered beneath a cloud of tiny button-like flowers as double as anything well can be. A charming sort.

ASTER, Washington—Fine exhibition sort. A tall grower of pyramidal habit. The largest-flowered Aster on the list; fine form and splendid colors. Mixed colors.

ASTER, Imbrique Pompon—Fine flowers, almost as round as a ball. Mixed colors.

ANCHUSIA CAPENSIS—A rare and little known annual of great beauty. It is a life-long favorite with everyone who grows it. It resembles a large, beautiful For-get-me-not, though much finer in every respect, especially for bouquets and cut flowers. Color, a most lovely shade of deep clear blue, with a pure white center. Blooms early and continues all summer.

AMARANTHUS, Cordatus—Fine old garden flower called "Love-lies-bleeding."

ANTIRRHINUM, Tom Thumb—Mixed colors; fine Snapdragons, growing only eight inches high; flowers large; colors very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, maroon, white, rose, striped, etc.

BRACHYCOME (Swan River Daisy)—A graceful, Cineraria-like flower, often called Swan River Daisy. Plants bloom quickly from seed and remain in bloom a long time. Plants only grow from six to eight inches high, and are fine for edgings, as their blossoms are profusely borne and are pretty and attractive; also a fine basket plant for the house.

CALENDULA, Double Mixed—A superb flower; large double and perfect to the center; rich shades of yellow. A fine plant for fall and winter blooming in pots, being of dwarf, robust habit blooming all the time.

CALLIOPSIS, Lanceolata (Perennial)—Graceful and profuse blooming plants, with large, striking flowers of a brilliant golden yellow, and remains in bloom all summer. Its long, wiry stems fit it admirably for bouquet making, while its golden cloud of blooms, far above the foliage, makes it a capital bedder.

CENTAUREA CYANUS, Victoria—Forms a dense mass of foliage and branches, above which are borne hundreds of lovely blue blossoms. Grows about one foot high and begins to flower within thirty days after seed is sown.

CENTAUREA CYANUS, Double—A new double-flowered form which comes pretty true. Remarkable for the new shades and combinations of colors it shows.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS, Annual Mixed Colors—Plants grow from 12 to 18 inches high and bear a profusion of blooms, each flower being belted and zoned with the most clear and vivid of colors. This intenseness of coloring has earned them the name of "Painted Daisies."

CELOSIA, Dwarf Feathered Mixed—Pretty plumes of bright-colored flowers.

CHERIANTHUS, Fairy Queen—This fine little flower is a close relative of the Stocks and Wallflower. One of those bright flowers that give a quick return for one's care, blooming a month after seed is sown, either in garden or pots. One who has never seen them does not realize how bright and pretty their little clusters of maltese cross shaped flowers are. They form a perfect mass of blooms, and for small bouquets, filling floral baskets etc., they are just the flower one needs in quantity.

ESCHSCHOLTZIA, Mixed Colors—The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardiest and most easily grown of our annuals. It is also a very showy one, growing rapidly and coming into bloom soon after the plants are above ground. The foliage is finely cut and handsome and the flowers exceedingly showy, large and freely produced.

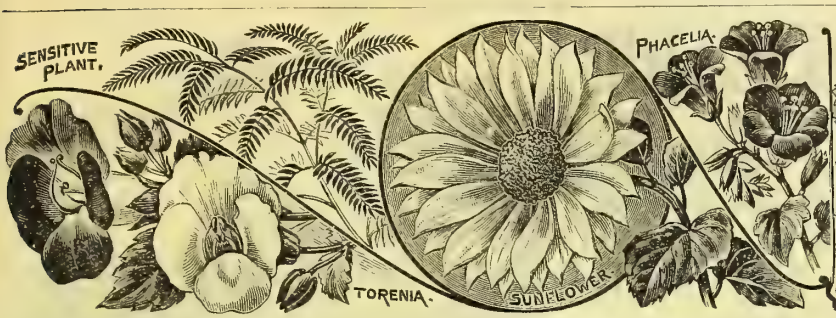
FENZLIA, Mixed Colors—Charming low growing plants forming mat-like tufts of foliage, thickly dotted by a long succession of beautiful white or rose purple throated flowers. An extra fine little plant for edging or carpet bedding, or for baskets in the house.

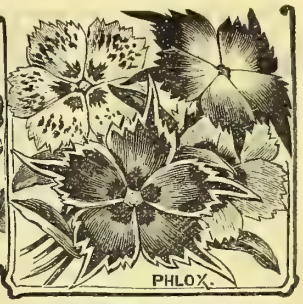
GAILLARDIA, Mixed Colors—These bear a profusion of very highly colored, daisy-like blossoms that are very attractive.

GYPSOPHILA ELEGANS—Everyone who is fond of bouquets ought to grow this. It produces long, fine, mist-like sprays of tiny white flowers that are one of the finest things in the world for cut-flower work, softening all hard lines, toning down all glaring colors and giving the finish to a bouquet that filmy lace does to a rich dress. Blooms very quickly.

CODETIA (Satin Flower)—A handsome flower and particularly useful because it will grow in shady places where so few really fine flowers can be grown. These bloom a long time, and so profusely that the foliage is almost hidden by the many large, wide-open flowers, of shining satin texture, and of the most delicate and lovely colors. Mixed.

HIBISCUS, Hardy Hybrids, Mixed—(Perennial)—A fast-growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimensions of a shrub. Exceedingly fine for clumps or an ornamental hedge or screen, as they last always, never winter-kill, and in mid-summer when shrubbery flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea saucers, white, blush, pale, and deep pink, rose, etc., the most of them with deeper-hued eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom in September.





HONEYSUCKLE, Mixed—Everyone knows the Honeysuckle, with its delicious fragrance, but everyone does not know that it is quite easily grown from seed, blooming the second season, with ordinary care.

LINUM RUBRUM—A fine hardy annual, with a profusion of large crimson flowers.

LYCHNIS, Burning Star—A blaze of brilliancy for months, if plants are kept from seeding. Star-like blossoms covering the dwarf, bushy plants like a cloud. Perfectly hardy, and blooms even better the second season than the first. Mixed colors.

MIRABILIS, Tom Thumb—Mixed colors. A new dwarf strain of great beauty. Grows only 12 inches high, and each plant is a compact mass of lovely yellowish leaves, which, in evening, are hidden by hundreds of gay blossoms of all colors and variegations.

MIMULUS, or Monkey Flower—Mixed colors. Fine flowering plants, and flowers are of fantastic shapes and colors. Very fine.

MAURANDYA—(CLIMBER)—It has an exceedingly graceful habit, very handsome, dense foliage, pretty, fox-glove-like blossoms, borne in great profusion, and keeps green until after severe frosts. A beautiful vine for hanging baskets, with its dainty white, maroon, and rose-colored blossoms. Mixed colors.

NEMOPHILA, Mixed Colors—Most exquisite blue and white blossoms are produced in a few weeks from seed. Splendid pot flowers.

MIGNONETTE, Pyramidal or Giant Tree—A robust grower with numerous large spikes of flowers. Branches very freely and blooms for a long period; very sweet.

NIGELLA—Often called Love-in-a-mist, from the curious way in which the pretty blue blossoms are veiled by the feathery, close-enveloped foliage. Dwarf mixed.

ŒNOTHERA—Very large pure white.

OXALIS, Mixed Colors—Some of the annual Oxalis are very pretty border plants, and blossom quickly from seed.

PETUNIA, Nana Compacta—A dwarf bedding Petunia, almost smothered under its load of beautifully variegated flowers, and blooming all summer.

PEAS, Lord Anson, Trailing—These are of a trailing and not of a climbing habit, and are dwarf and bushy, differing greatly from the ordinary Sweet Peas. Their flowers are the largest and most beautiful in form and color of all flowering Peas, and will greatly delight all who plant them. They also commence blooming about three months earlier than Sweet Peas, and continue all summer. Two colors, pure white and sky blue mixed.

PASSIFLORA GRACILIS—This "Fairy Passion Vine" is a charming annual; it has pretty light green leaves and is a very dainty and graceful thing for hanging baskets, pots or trellises; will grow to the height of 5 or 6 feet out of doors; the flowers are white sollowed by seed fruits, at first light green shaded white; when ripe they turn bright shining red and burst open, disclosing fiery scarlet seeds; the entire plant becomes covered with these fruits and the effect is very pretty indeed.

PHLOX—Fine mixed colors. An old favorite garden flower.

PHACELIA CAMPANULATA—An easily grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in open ground. Erect, cup-shaped flowers of a lovely blue. Flowers borne profusely and a long time. One of the loveliest shades of blue.

SCHIZANTHUS, Childs' Winter-Blooming—The "Butterfly Flower." An easily grown plant, bearing quantities of gay, butterfly-like flowers, beautifully marked and spotted. The plants are such profuse bloomers that each branch looks like an immense panicle of lovely blossoms, and closely resembling some species of Orchids. For winter blooming in pots the Schizanthus is one of the most desirable of flowers. Plants from seed sown in November will be full of bloom from January to May.

SUNFLOWER, New Double Dwarf—Compact grower, with large double flowers.

SUNFLOWER, Multiflorus—If planted singly in good soil, this new Sunflower reaches the enormous height of from 12 to 15 feet, and is richly branched from the base up to the top, each branch bearing a multitude of medium-sized golden-yellow flowers with small black center which offers an invaluable material for bouquets and garnishing purposes.

SENSITIVE PLANT—(MIMOSA)—A curious plant with delicate fern-like leaves that fold closely together if touched, as though they were wilted by a hot blast.

TORENIA, Mixed Colors—A neat pot plant, but of little account for the garden.

VIOLET—Seeds slow to germinate, but not at all hard to grow. Every garden should have a good bed of these favorites.

VINCA—Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times. Seed started early in pots make lovely blooming plants by early summer, which will continue in growth and bloom for a year. As bedding plants for the garden they rival the Geranium. Their soft and delicate colors and profuse blooming habit make them at all times attractive. Do not omit them. Mixed colors.

VERBESENA, Occidentalis—Blooms profusely from June to October, the blossoms being large, richest and brightest golden-yellow in color, closely resembling a Cosmos, and borne on long, graceful stems. Seed sown in pots at any time during winter will be up and blooming in a few weeks.

WEATHER PLANT—A beautiful flowering vine with fern-like foliage and elegant clusters of flowers. It is said that the leaves by changing their position foretell the state of the weather two days in advance. If the leaves stand upward from the twig, making with each other an angle of 45 degrees, the sky will be cloudless and the weather beautiful in all respects. If they should stand out straight changeable weather is indicated. As the leaves drop below the twigs the indications range toward rain until when the leaves hang straight downward, water may be expected to fall almost in torrents.

YUCCA FILIMENTOSA—The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental. Flower-stalks grow as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy, bell-shaped flowers, each floret two inches across.

Price of all these sorts, 3 Cents per Packet.

CHILDS' EXCELSIOR FERTILIZER.

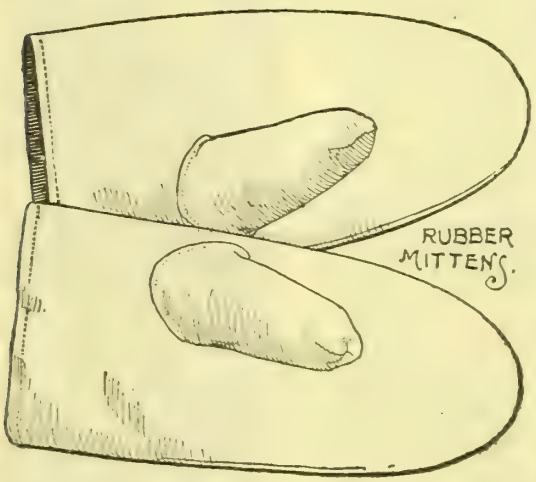
BEST OF ALL PLANT FOOD.

A NEW ODORLESS FERTILIZER FOR POT PLANTS.

Makes Plants Grow and Bloom Luxuriantly, and Drives Insects from the Soil.

This excellent fertilizer is used by dissolving a teaspoonful in a pint of water and applying it to the soil of pot plants every week or two. It starts the plants at once into healthy and vigorous growth and abundant bloom. It drives worms and other troublesome insects from the soil. It has no disagreeable odor, and is the only artificial fertilizer which can be used without danger or injury to the plants. It takes the place of liquid manure and is just the thing that has been wanted for a long time. Mr. Eben E. Rexford says: "There is nothing so convenient to use, or better in results, than the Excelsior Fertilizer, put up by Mr. Childs, especially for pot plants. It produces a vigorous and healthy growth, and plants to which it is given flower very freely."

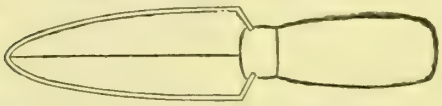
Price, one-half pound packages, 25c. each, postpaid; or 30c. per pound, by express.



Gossamer Rubber Mittens for Garden Work.

After once using these mittens, one who cares to protect the hands would not be without them. The disagreeable part of gardening, in the estimation of many, is overcome by them. The hands are kept from contact with the dirt and protected from the sun. For ladies' use they are invaluable and every lady who works or would like to work among her plants and flowers should have them. 20c. per pair, postpaid.

Ideal Trowel.



This is a good sized, strong, serviceable trowel, and one which we can offer at the very low price of 20c. each postpaid.

Tilton's Emery Knife Sharpener.

It is a round, emery-covered tool suitable for sharpening all sorts of knives, especially Christie and other peculiar knives, which cannot be ground or honed. A few strokes of a knife on this sharpener is sufficient to give it a keen edge, no matter how dull it may be. For carving-knives or for kitchen use it is worth its weight in gold; the best thing in use. By mail, postpaid, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

A New Plant Sprinkler.

THE LENOX ATOMIZER.

With this new atomizer a fine spray may be thrown under, over, or upon the foliage of any plant or shrub, thoroughly drenching the same and removing dust and insects. Clear water or any kind of liquid Insecticide or Poison may be applied with it. It is not only the most effective, convenient and durable, but the cheapest of all atomizers. It is available for house plants, garden plants, vegetables, shrubs, small trees, fruits, etc. For sprinkling clothes it is worth its weight in gold. 50c. each, postpaid.

A NEW INSECTICIDE OF GREAT VALUE.

The Most Convenient to Use, and The Surest of All Insect Killers.

It is with great pleasure that we offer this, the greatest of all compounds for destroying insects of every kind and description. It is a paste, a teaspoonful of which is dissolved in a pint of warm water (or a tablespoonful in a quart of water). With this water the infested plants are sprayed, washed, syringed or sprinkled. It kills every insect with which it comes in contact, on the spot; also, their eggs and larvæ. Those which escape its touch die afterwards, by feeding upon the plant which has been syringed. Though so destructive to all insect life, it is non-poisonous and harmless to vegetation when diluted as directed. It dissolves quickly and readily in cold water. It is a great discovery and is absolutely sure death to every form of insect life at touch. Price, in seven-ounce cans, postpaid, 40c.; 3 cans, $1.00.

Paper Flower Pots.

Here we offer Flower Pots made from Naponset Waterproof Fabrics. They are very light, durable, unbreakable, cheap, and of terra-cotta color. Just the pots for growing small plants and seedlings.

Size, 2¼ inches, 25c. per dozen; per 100, $1.00.

Size, 2½ inches, 30c. per dozen; per 100, $1.25.

Size, 3 inches, 35c. per dozen; per 100, $1.50.

Size, 4 inches, 50c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

By mail, postpaid, at above prices.

Everlasting Cucumber.

A new variety of the very finest quality that will keep for months, even far into the winter without decaying or changing color. In short, it may be picked from the vines in the open ground in the fall, and sold in the market in fine condition during December and January, when good Cucumbers bring enormous prices. Our attention was first called to it by the following letter:—

AUBURN, ME., June 29, 1901.

Mr. John Lewis Childs, Dear Sir:—

I have, for three years, raised a Cucumber, that if taken from the vines when a good eatable size, will keep from drying up or changing color, and in fact looks as handsome the next March as when picked from the vines. It is also very meaty and tender, and a strong grower, being very fruitful. It has seemed to me that this Cucumber would be a good one for dealers to keep over, to ship, for it would look as well off the ice as on. Yours very truly,

W. A. NOYES.

We at once asked Mr. Noyes to send us a sample Cucumber, which he did. It was a fair size, average specimen in proper condition for eating. It was taken from the vine Aug. 5th, and sent to us by mail, in a tight box. After examining it, it was left in our office where it laid in full light and intense heat of summer until early in November, or three months before it showed the least sign of decay or change of color. Had it been picked in September or October, and properly stored in a cool cellar it would undoubtedly have kept far into the winter. We secured the entire stock of seed from Mr. Noyes, and have had small crops grown in several different States for two or three seasons. In every case it has proved to be magnificent. It is of the White Spine type, of good size, uniform, perfect shape, and rich, dark green color, which seems to hold forever. Quality the best of any Cucumbers we have tasted. Vine strong, vigorous, and a rapid grower, and early bearer. Resists bugs, drouth and disease to a remarkable degree. In short, outside of its wonderful keeping qualities, it is the finest all-around Cucumber we have ever known, but, of course, its great value and novelty is in its long keeping qualities. With it one may have delicious Cucumbers in winter, from summer or fall growing. Stock has been so limited that last year it sold for 25c. for 6 seeds. We have a good supply this year, and can offer it at 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c.; ½ oz., 75c

Half-Century Crisphead Lettuce.

It is with much pleasure we can offer a sport from our famous Half-Century Lettuce, that produces a larger, solid head. It has much the same characteristics of the Half-Century, being exceedingly crisp, brittle and unsurpassed in flavor; but it is a true heading variety, forming a solid head, as large as a medium Cabbage. It is superior to all other head varieties in superb quality, a quick grower, and long keeper. The California expert growers of Lettuce say that "Crisphead" is the longest keeping head variety in cultivation. The value of this cannot be overestimated. Its superb quality makes it the finest Lettuce for the home garden, which, with its long keeping quality, must make it the best and most popular sort for market growing. It is one of the very best new vegetables ever introduced. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.; lb., $1.00.

VALUABLE VEGETABLE NOVELTIES.

It is our good fortune to be able to offer this year several startling novelties in Vegetables, 8 of which are the peer of any that has been introduced during the last five years. Without hesitation we pronounce the Volga Cabbage, Crisphead Lettuce, Crimson Winter Rhubarb, Emperor Asparagus, Everlasting Cucumber, Long Podded Lima Bean, Pineapple Onion, and Rosy Nugget Watermelon to be the finest, most distinct and valuable New Vegetables that have been introduced, either in America or Europe, for many years.

The Crimson Winter or Ever-Ready Rhubarb.

Luther Burbank, of California, the noted Horticulturist and creator of new plants and flowers, considers this the greatest novelty he has ever produced. We made a trip all the way to California to see it and were so impressed with its value that we bought the entire stock. Briefly its wonderful qualities are as follows:

FIRST. It is the earliest of all Rhubarb by a long way and fit for use not only in the spring, but all through the summer and fall. As fast as stalks are pulled fresh ones will take their places. In the Southern and Pacific States it may be used all the year round, requiring only water in dry localities to keep it growing. It is particularly fine in winter. Color, bright crimson except new stalks on young plants.

SECOND. It forces readily in the greenhouse or cold-frames, and will become popular and very profitable in the North for this purpose. For winter growing in the Southern and Pacific States it will prove to be a great thing.

THIRD. In quality this Rhubarb is simply superb, fully equal in flavor to the finest berries. The stalks are not so bulky, soft and watery as most other kinds, and the skin is so thin and tender that it is not necessary to remove it, and when cooked a beautiful crimson-colored sauce is the result, looking, as well as tasting, like berries. Flavor sprightly and refreshing combining that of the Raspberry and Strawberry, but greatly superior to either as a cooked fruit. In fact, it makes the most delicious sauce and pies we have ever tasted, while its beautiful color when cooked makes it exceedingly attractive and appetizing.

FOURTH. It is a rapid and perpetual grower, forming new crowns continually, and is rapidly increased by division; robust and perfectly hardy anywhere. It will stand frosts which would destroy any other sort. This new Rhubarb has qualities which will make it as freely used as any of our standard fruits or vegetables. Large fortunes will be made in growing it for market, and those who start first will reap the greatest harvest.

Mr. Burbank says: "For forcing under glass in the cold North for constant supply for home use, and for growing in California and the South for shipping North and East it promises to be more profitable than anything else which the soil produces."

Set the plants 2½ by six feet apart. Two dry, dormant plants mailed to us in spring by Mr. Burbank, and planted out about May first, grew so vigorously that on July first there were more than a dozen stalks fit to pull, on some of which were leaves measuring 3 feet in length by 2 feet broad. Dec. 1st we were still pulling fine stalks from them.

PRICE. *25c. each; 5 for $1.00; 12 for $2.00;* by mail or express prepaid.

SEED. Per packet 15c.; 2 pkts. for 25c. Grows easily and rapidly from seed, making large stalks for use the second year, and sometimes the first year. In fact it grows from seed almost as quickly as from roots.

Long Podded Lima.

The acme of perfection in a pole Lima Bean, and one that is at least one-half more prolific than any other vanity. This strain has been developed by Mr. A. Vanderveer who has spent more than 20 years bringing it to its high state of perfection. It is a rank vigorous grower, bearing under any conditions a much larger crop than any other. Each pod contains 5 or 6 beans while others contains only 3 or 4. This alone makes a 25 per cent. larger crop, while the increased number of pods brings the average yield up to nearly double that of any other Lima. Its quality is also superior. Mr. Vanderveer has marketed as high as $60. worth of green beans from 60 hills, and has gathered a bushel from 8 hills at one picking. It is certainly a great acquisition, and coming at a time when people have found out that it does not pay to plant Bush Limas on account of the limited yield, it must rank as one of the greatest vegetable novelties ever introduced.

Price, per pkt., 20c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.; peck, $4.00 prepaid.

WESTERN QUEEN

Western Queen Sweet Corn.

A cross between Country Gentleman and King Phillip, of much finer quality and greater productiveness than the famous Country Gentleman. Its season is medium, following closely the early varieties. Kernals small, thickly set and deep. In fact there is more kernal than cob. Color ivory white in a green state but of a pinkish tinge when ripened and dry. A strong healthy grower, and enormously prolific, in this respect surpassing all other sorts, while for quality it is truly ideal, being rich and sugary, tender and delicate to an extent not found in any of the older varieties of Sweet Corn. This valuable new Sweet Corn originated in Oklahoma and came to us so well recommended that we bought the entire stock before seeing it. We have grown a large crop of it this year and are more than pleased, as it far surpasses our fondest hopes, and is entirely novel and distinct.

Price, pkt. 15c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.; peck, $4.00. prepaid

Watermelon, Early Harris.

This has proved itself to be the earliest as well as the finest extra early Melon grown. It is claiming a good deal to say that it ripens fruit in 55 days from the time of sowing seed, but it has been done under favorable conditions. 60 days is, however, the usual time, and this result may be expected under ordinary conditions. It is a handsome Melon of medium size, (about 20 lbs,) of fine quality, and a quick seller in any market. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $3.00.

Celeriac Perfection.

An improved Turnip-rooted Celery of superb quality. It is the finest thing ever grown for soups, giving a flavor which Celery itself cannot furnish. When boiled and sliced like Turnips and served with butter and salt, it makes a most delicious dish. Pkt., 10.; oz., 50c.

Great Emperor Asparagus.

Gives an abundant crop the second year from seed.

It is a fact that this new Asparagus will produce ordinary large, full stalks for cutting in less than a year from seed. It is thought to be the variety so long sought by gardeners, which in olden times grew so luxuriantly in the gardens of the Emperor Tiberius, 3 stalks weighing a pound. (Book of the Garden, published in London, 1845.)

It is a fact that Mr. F. B. Fullerton, Special Passenger Agent of the Long Island Railroad, cut last spring from a two or three year old bed of this variety eleven stalks which weighed three and one-half pounds.

Mr. Allen, the well-known Horticulturist, Author and Seed Grower, gives his experience with the Emperor Asparagus in the following letter, and in any favorable locality equally good results may be had by following his method of culture. We never ate finer Asparagus than that cut from Mr. Allen's patch last April, just eleven months from the time seed was sown, and by the way, seed should be sown where plants are to grow permanently, to avoid the check of transplanting.

PRICE—Fine fresh seed of the Great Emperor Asparagus 15c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 40c. Year old roots, $1.00 per doz.

Mr. John Lewis Childs:

In reply to your query regarding the Emperor Asparagus, I will say: My experience with it is an interesting one, having been quite familiar with it, and have seen some wonderful growths.

On the 20th of May, 1901, I had a bed prepared in the following manner: Trenches three feet in depth, and one and one-half in width were made, five feet apart. At the bottom of each I put in well rotted manure to the depth of one foot and well packed down. Upon this to the depth of one and one-half feet was well rotted manure and good garden soil thoroughly incorporated. Upon this the seed was sown and covered with half an inch of fine soil, firmly pressed over the seed. The young plants soon appeared, and were thinned out to one foot apart in the rows; (they should have been to two feet apart, as experience has taught us.) Growth was rapid, and we soon began to draw in the earth around the plants until the trenches were filled to the level.

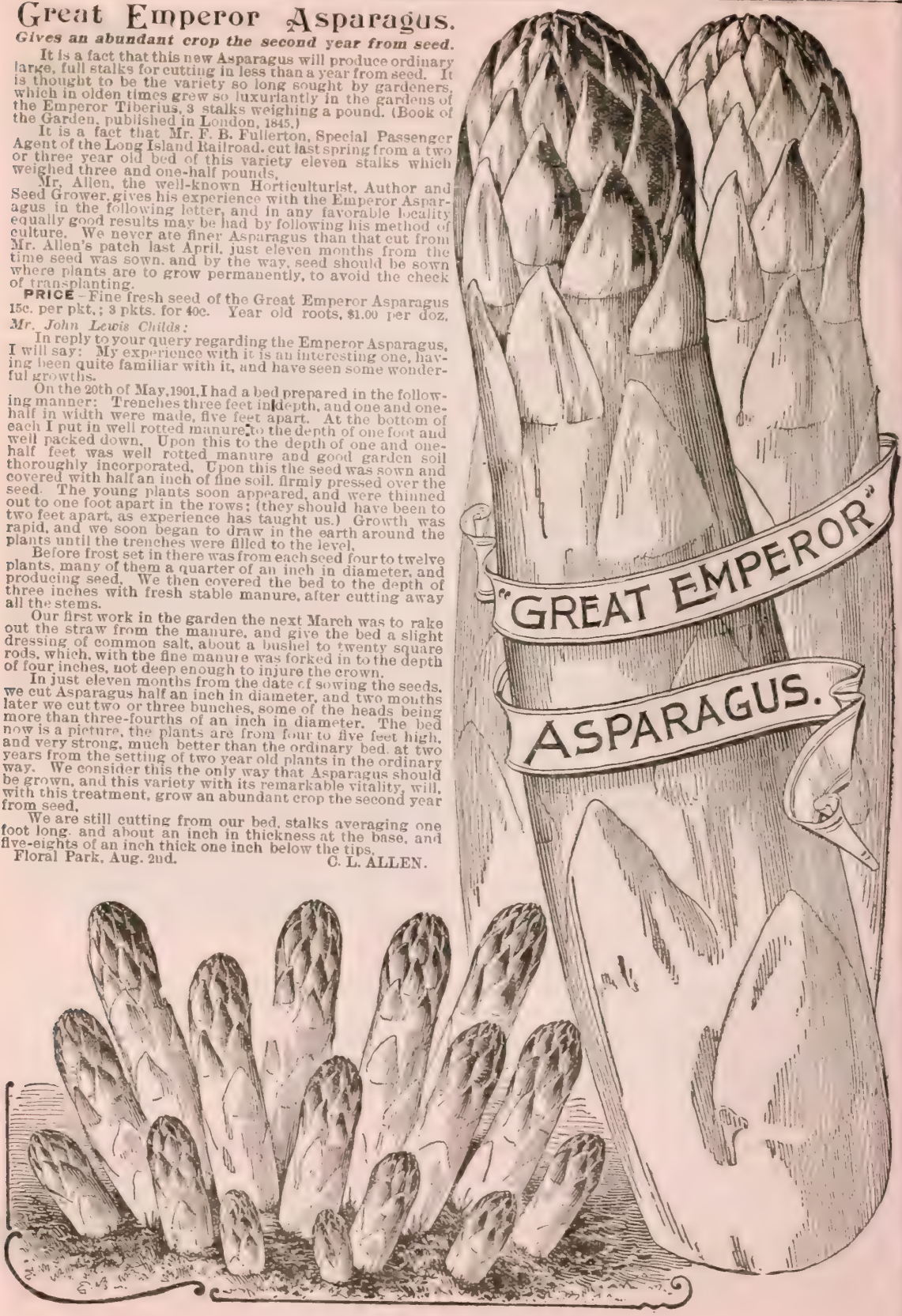
Before frost set in there was from each seed four to twelve plants, many of them a quarter of an inch in diameter, and producing seed. We then covered the bed to the depth of three inches with fresh stable manure, after cutting away all the stems.

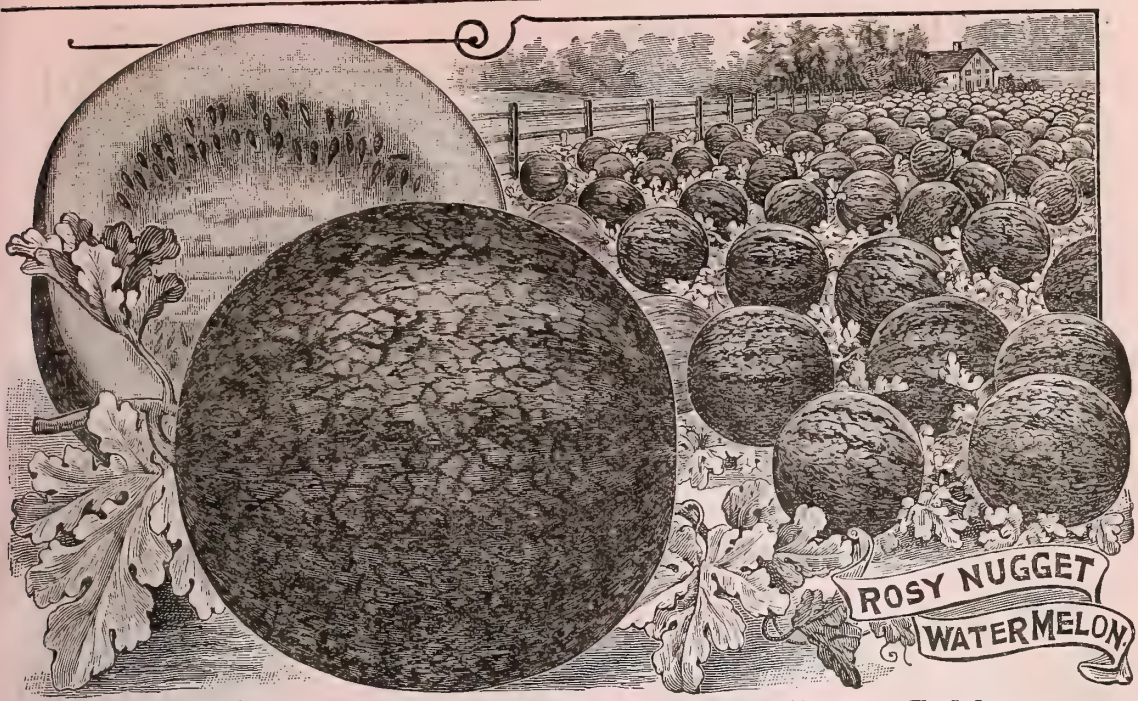
Our first work in the garden the next March was to rake out the straw from the manure, and give the bed a slight dressing of common salt, about a bushel to twenty square rods, which, with the fine manure was forked in to the depth of four inches, not deep enough to injure the crown.

In just eleven months from the date of sowing the seeds, we cut Asparagus half an inch in diameter, and two months later we cut two or three bunches, some of the heads being more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter. The bed now is a picture, the plants are from four to five feet high, and very strong, much better than the ordinary bed, at two years from the setting of two year old plants in the ordinary way. We consider this the only way that Asparagus should be grown, and this variety with its remarkable vitality, will, with this treatment, grow an abundant crop the second year from seed.

We are still cutting from our bed, stalks averaging one foot long, and about an inch in thickness at the base, and five-eights of an inch thick one inch below the tips.

Floral Park, Aug. 2nd. C. L. ALLEN.





Watermelon, Rosy Nugget.

Of all the Watermelons ever introduced for the family garden or home market this is the most superb. In free and easy growth, productiveness, beauty and superb quality there is nothing that can compare to it, while its size is just right for home use. Weight, 15 to 22 lbs., shape round, color very rich dark green. Rind very thin, almost none at all, but outer shell is hard. Flesh solid, absolutely no cavity, crisp, flavor such as cannot be found in any other melon, its richness, delicate quality and sweetness far surpassing all others. No matter what we say its delicious quality and sugary sweetness will astonish you when you eat it. Has been grown by Mr. Frank Banning, Kinsman, Ohio, who says: "When offered in our markets no other melon will sell at all so long as this one can be had." Ellis Bros., Grocerymen, Greenville, Pa., says: "We have handled Rosy Nugget for five years and find it is the most profitable melon on account of its excellent eating and keeping qualities. No other variety is so sweet and crisp." Mr. E. S. Miller, melon grower, Wading River, N. Y., says: "Rosy Nugget is the finest melon I ever grew."

Price, 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00

The Volga Cabbage.

This new aspirant for public favor is, without exception, the nearest approach to perfection of any variety we have ever grown, or seen grown, in this, or any other country. Seed was sent from Russia to Mr. C. L. Allen, some 10 years ago, during which time he has been perfecting it. Its claims for superiority are;

1st. Uniformity. In one field of three acres there was not a single plant thrown out, or that showed, in any respect, any variation from a true and valuable type,

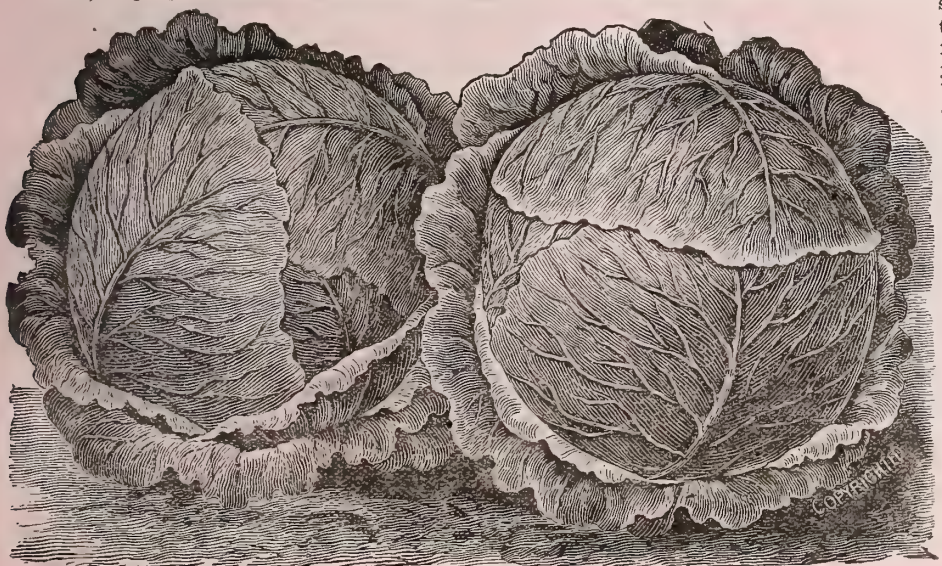
2d. Uniformity and solidity of head. In this respect it is a vegetable wonder, as the heads are of about equal size and shape, weighing from 12 to 15 pounds each.

3d. Quality. Unlike most types, the heads are perfectly solid, and the stem does not run up into the head nearly as far as in other types, and the flesh is exceedingly firm, tender and white, making it a most desirable form for krout, as well as for all other purposes for which Cabbage is used.

4th. Hardiness. In this respect we have never seen a type which would favorably compare. Last winter, the most severe ever known in this section, did not inflict the slightest injury on the Volga. While all other kinds suffered terribly, not a leaf of this was lost, and, while others have partially or totally dropped out, our fields of this give promise of an enormous crop; in fact it is already secured and at the present writing ready for the harvest. We think this point of hardiness of great importance to the shipper.

5th. This type is remarkable for its quick-growing habit, as are all vegetables that come from cold countries. We have noticed particularly this sort, and find that it will mature its heads fully two weeks earlier than any of our late growing kinds.

Price, 10c. per pkt.; oz., 25c.; lb., $3.00.



VOLGA CABBAGE.

Stewart Pineapple Onion.

This remarkable Onion has for three generations been grown by one family by the name of Stewart in Denton, Indiana Co., Pa., and our attention was first called to it by one of our customers of that place, (Mrs. M. C. Marshall), who thought it was so valuable that it ought to be introduced to the world. We received our first stock of it (a few bulbs and a little seed) in 1899, and have since carefully grown and tested it and its wonderful qualities have astonished us. Its shape is entirely unique; nothing like it among Onions, which fact is certified to by two of the largest Onion seed growers, one at Wethersfield, Conn., and another in California. As seen by the cut its shape is like a pineapple, 5 inches long and 6 to 7 inches in circumference. Color, very light yellowish brown. Skin thin, flesh white and a flavor which is to vegetables the same as the pineapple is to fruits.—Delicate and delicious beyond compare, rich, tender and crisp. For family use it is unsurpassed, while for market it is a winner, its great beauty and novel shape attracting every eye. That such a treasure should have remained hidden in one little town for three generations is a wonder. It is the most novel and distinct Onion yet introduced. Pkt., 10c.; ¼ oz., 30c.; oz., 50c.; lb., $5.00.

Australian Brown Onion.

A medium sized, smooth, handsome Onion, with a beautiful brown skin. Hard, solid, crisp, finely flavored and a good keeper. In fact one of the very best Onions grown. Season very early. Pkt,. 5c.; oz.; 10c., lb., $1.10.

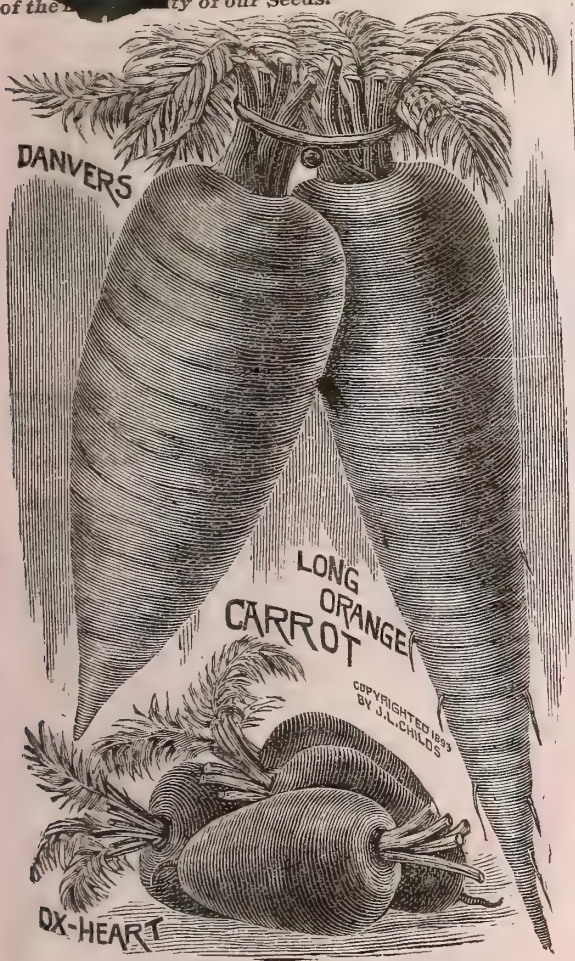
Leek, New Giant Italian.

The Leek is a very hardy easily grown vegetable, of mild, agreeable flavor and is much used for soups, stews etc., as its flavor is more delicate than that of the Onion. This is a new and very large variety, the best for general cultivation. Pkt,, 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.00.

VEGETABLE SEEDS.

What we say about our Flower Seeds on page 5, may be said about our Vegetable Seeds. We grow and offer but a limited number of varieties, only those which possess the greatest value for the home garden and the markets. These varieties are also special stock, cultivated, selected and improved until they have reached the highest mark of perfection which it is possible to attain.

Beets and Turnips, round, smooth, uniform, tender; Cabbage, large, solid, crisp, sure-heading and long-keeping; Tomatoes, large, smooth, uniform, perfect in color, shape and quality; Lettuce, crisp, beautiful, and delicious; Corn, rich, sugary, tender and perfect; Melons, of high flavor, quick and robust growth, perfect and lusc[illegible]; Onions, uniform in size, perfect in shape, delicate in taste; Squashes, early and late, of high quality; Radishes, crisp, mild, perfect in shape and color, and of quick growth. These are all points which we have brought to perfection in our prize strains of Garden Vegetables. Our thousands of customers in every nook and corner of the country know this, and to them we refer those who have never used our Seeds. They can be found everywhere, for we supply half a million planters direct, which is more than the combined output of any other two houses in the world, and is in itself the best possible endorsement of the [illegible]ty of our Seeds.



Carrot.

Popular both for table and stock. A heavy cropper. Roots can be kept for winter like Beets or Turnips.

Danvers (PRIVATE STOCK)—The true strain. No better to be found anywhere. All gardeners know the importance of securing the best seed to grow really fine crops. This can be relied upon as the best seed to be obtained at any price. It will yield 30 tons per acre. Pkt., 5c., oz., 15c.; lb., 80c.

Improved Long Orange—Heavy cropper.

Oxheart—An early table sort; small and short but fine grained and tender. Can be forced or sown in the garden for early use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

New Long Yellow Stump-Rooted—This new Carrot produces long, tapering roots which are well stumped or rounded at the base. They are of most excellent quality for the table. They are so productive as to be one of the most profitable varieties to grow. The distinct yellow coloring is a novelty. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 65c.

A Modern Vegetable Garden.

By William Falconer.

The April, 1903, number of THE MAYFLOWER is devoted to a very complete article on the Vegetable Garden, by William Falconer. Valuable suggestions regarding the planting of a Vegetable Garden, with list of the best vegetables for family gardens, and many useful hints and suggestions.

Price Only 5c. Per Copy.

Bean, Childs' Horticultural.

The old Horticultural, with the exception of the Limas, enjoyed the distinction of being the finest flavored Shell Bean known, and was also considered very fine as a Snap Bean. Unfortunately, it was a poor bearer, but we have come into possession of a strain where this defect has been bred out. This new strain will be found to be as prolific and many-seeded to the pod as any other first-class sort, while still retaining its rich flavor. Beans thick, large and round, white speckled and blotched with bright scarlet. A fine, dry Bean for baking or for stewing or serving with butter or cream. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

BEAN, BUSH LIMA.

Beans.

One of the most delicious of all vegetables, and one that may be had in great abundance all the season. Sow successively every two or three weeks from early May to end of July. Those sown latest, and which mature in September, October, or November, will be the best. String Beans are better in autumn than at any other time.

New Early Golden-Eyed Wax, (BUSH)—Ten days earlier than any other Golden Wax, and, moreover, is absolutely rust proof. An immense bearer, and pods tender and crisp. A superb market sort because of its beautiful color and uniformity. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Extra Early Refugee, (BUSH)—The earliest strain of Refugee by ten days. One of the most profitable Beans ever grown. Loaded with pods in any season, and of a fine quality. Grown by all market gardeners, who are alway quick to pick up a good thing and to stick to it after they once see it. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Byer, (BUSH)—This out-ranks any other Bush or Snap Bean so far introduced. In quality it is the best, and in productiveness it will more than double any other variety. The Michigan Agricultural Station, where this Bean was tested, says of it in their Bulletin, No. 153, issued in February, 1898: "The Byer Bean.—Plants of healthy vigorous growth, very branching and productive. The pods are five to six inches long, round, nearly straight, green in color, very brittle and fine in quality. The plants are very productive, and have a long season of bearing. It is a valuable sort for the home garden or market." The Bulletin then goes on to give the comparative tests. This table shows that some plants of the Byer Bean produced 271 pods, weighing 47 ounces. The variety which approaches next to it was Stringless Green Pod, with 121 pods, 20¾ ounces. From that the number ranges down to 15 pods, 2¾ ounces, in Union White Valentine. This shows that the Byer is more than twice as productive as the best of the twelve other varieties tested. We do not think we need to say any more in recommendation of it. Price, 10c. per pkt.; per pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.; peck, $2.00.

Improved Golden Wax, (BUSH)—Large golden pods, tender and wax-like. A fine variety. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Yosemite Monster Wax, (BUSH)—Mammoth pods eight or ten inches long, as thick as one's finger, and very fleshy and thick-meated. Color a rich golden yellow, very clear and wax-like. Bush an enormous bearer, and sure to attract attention anywhere from the size of its great pods. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Burpee's Bush Lima, (BUSH)—This grows 18 to 20 inches high, of stout growth, erect, branching vigorously into a fine circular bush two or three feet in diameter. This bush character is permanently established, and not two per cent. will attempt to throw up runners. Leaves of large size, healthy and vigorous, leathery and dark emerald green, showing great health and strong constitution. It is the only bush form of the large-seeded Lima, and ten times more valuable than the small-seeded sorts. Its yield is quite wonderful, each bush producing 50 to 200 large pods, well filled with beans of great size, and of the true, rich, luscious Lima flavor. It is a matter of congratulation that we can now raise the true large Lima without poles. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 45c.

Mammoth Podded Lima, (POLE)—(KING OF THE GARDEN)—The Limas have a distinct, rich, buttery flavor, very different from all other sorts, and are much liked by most people either to use green or dry. Used as Shell Beans only. We consider this variety the finest of all, with enormous pods containing four immense Beans in each. Give a hot, sunny location. Boil until tender, pour off the water, and season with butter, and salt and a little cream. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Extra Early Lima—This remarkable early Bean originated with R. H. Palmer, Kennedy, in Northern New York, who says: "What makes this the most valuable of all Lima Beans is its extreme earliness, especially for Northern latitudes like this where ordinary Limas will not mature. Seed sown May 24th grew into large vines and ripened seed August 19th, just 85 days." Mr. F. Gould, Ventura, Cal., who grew an acre or two of this Bean for us last season, writes: "Your early Lima is far in advance of other kinds. Burpee's Bush Lima planted the same day, in same field, is now nicely in bloom while yours have pods of first setting almost fully grown, and still a great profusion of bloom and smaller pods in varying stages of growth. Looks to us like a *very valuable* acquisition." The planting we made on our home grounds May 15th made quick growth, showing buds June 15th, and blossoms and mature Beans soon followed. All pods were ripe and dry in August. It is a prolific Bean, making less growth than the ordinary Lima, but apparently yielding much better. Poles six feet high accommodate the growth very nicely. Pods are produced along the entire length of vine, starting within six inches of the ground. It belongs to the thick or "dumpling" class of Limas. Pkt, 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 45c.; peck, $2.00.

Beet.

The sweet, tender roots of Beets are very fine for summer, fall and winter use, while the tops are very useful for greens. Vinegar in which Beets have been pickled is often used to pickle hard-boiled eggs, as it gives them a beautiful color and pleasant flavor. When young and tender, Beets are most delicious if boiled or steamed until tender, then sliced or chopped into small pieces and seasoned with butter, etc.

Edmand's Blood Turnip—This is winning golden opinions everywhere. Smooth, round shaped, exceedingly sweet and tender, and never coarse, tough or stringy. Very early, but remains in good condition for a long time. An extra fine market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Eclipse—A very early Beet of beautiful dark, rich color, and smooth, round shaped. Quality of the very best. Our stock is pure. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Detroit Early Dark Red Turnip—This is claimed to be perfection itself. Early, smooth, uniform, quick growth, small top, tender, and darkest red color. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Black Queen—A fine new sort of extra fine appearance and quality. Flesh of rich, black-red color, and leaves and stalks partaking of the same ruby color. Root pear-shaped, smooth, well buried in the ground. A very distinct variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Improved Early Blood Turnip—Very fine quality, and an old popular sort. See page 48.

Early Egyptian Dark Turnip—Another fine standard sort; very early, high flavored, sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Long Smooth Red—Long, handsome roots, of fine quality. A great cropper and a good keeper. See page 48.

Bastian's Blood Turnip—An early, quick-growing sort highly esteemed by all market gardeners, as it is large, deep red in color, and very tender and rich when cooked, never losing its fine color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

Lane's White Sugar—This is the well-known "Sugar Beet" so largely planted for sugar. Sweetest of all. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Mangle, Mammoth Long Red—This grows to weigh 20 to 30 pounds, and is calculated to produce upwards of 50,000 pounds of roots to the acre. Animals are very fond of it and the roots are very nutritious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 5 or 10 lb. lots, by express, 30c. per lb.

Mangle, Golden Tankard—A new yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large, oval roots, much easier to pull than the Long Mangles. A heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.; 5 or 10 lb. lots, by express, 30c. per lb.

ASPARAGUS BEET.

The Asparagus Beet.

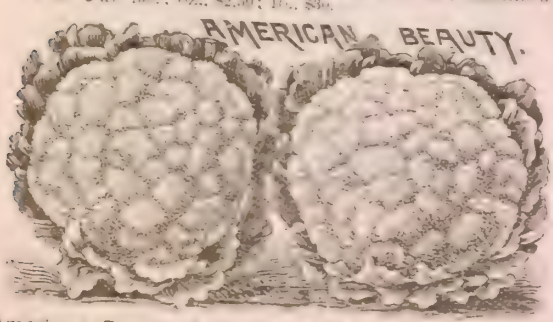
A wonderful new vegetable which was recently offered for the first time, after a careful test which has thoroughly demonstrated its value. The leaves are large, light green, and finely curled and crinkled, and are used for greens for which we find them most excellent. But the great value of the plant is its large, fleshy mid-rib of the leaves, which are cut and cooked like Asparagus, and are *extra fine*. As a substitute for Asparagus nothing could be better, and it may be cut and used all summer. A most valuable new vegetable. Fit for use 2 to 3 months from seed. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

SNOW BALL CAULIFLOWER.

Cauliflower.

The most luscious of all the Cabbage family. Requires high cultivation and rich soil. Cook by steaming until tender, then dress with drawn butter and serve hot. It is one of the most delicious of all garden vegetables.

Snow Ball—One of the very best varieties for early culture. Dwarf, compact grower, with large heads of snowy whiteness and delicious flavor. This is a sure header, very early, but valuable for late as well as for early Cauliflowers. Pkt. 15c.; oz., $2.50; lb., $8.



American Beauty A fine header Cauliflower, especially adapted to American soil and climate, as it is an American strain and American grown seed. Heads early, size large, quality the very best. Pkt., 10c.; oz., $2.25.

Earliest Dwarf Erfurt Valuable for garden culture and an extra fine forcing sort. One strain of this is the finest to be had in Germany, and it is considered to be the perfection of all Cauliflowers. Pkt., 25c.; ½oz., $1.00; oz., $3.75.

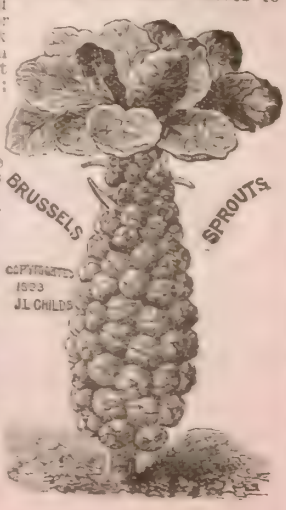
Endive.

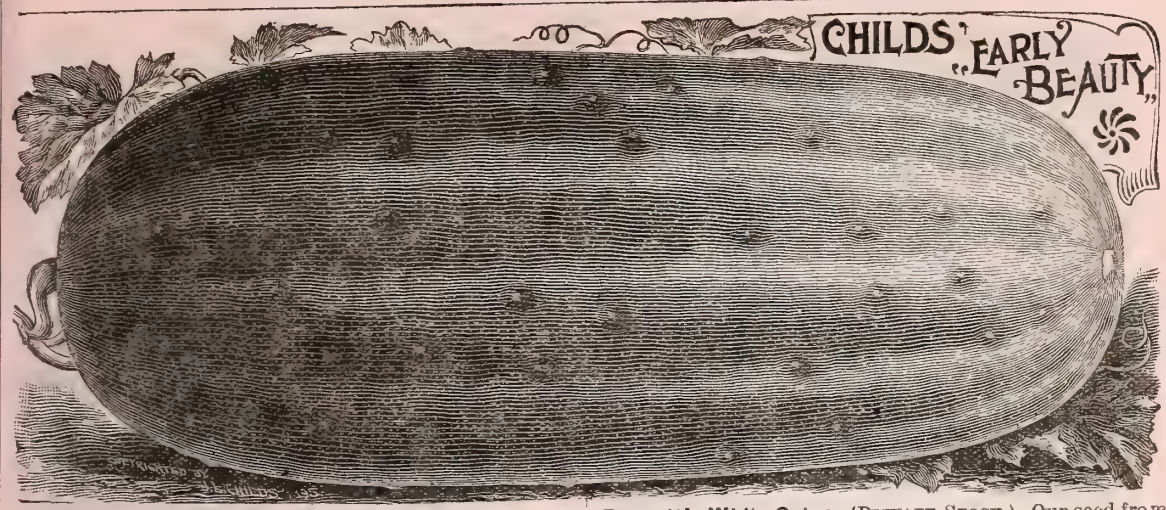
Green Curled Well known in fashionable restaurants under the name of Chicorée, and particularly fine served with Lettuce with French dressing. Sow seed from middle of June to end of August. When wanted for use blanch the inside leaves by tying the outer leaves together over the heart, and the plants will be ready for use in about one week after. Never tie up when the leaves are wet, as it induces decay. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

Brussels Sprouts.

Defiance—A finely bred, large and tender strain of this delicious vegetable. Stem tall and covered with tender little heads or "sprouts" from top to bottom. Quality very fine when cooked and served like Cabbage. This splendid vegetable should be more generally grown. All who have tried it prefer it to Cabbage. It is easily grown and those who once try it always grow it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Matchless A variety of vigorous growth and fine, solid sprouts of the very best quality. An extra fine sort, which is highly prized in Europe. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb. $1.50.





Cucumber.

Do not try to grow Cucumbers in poorly prepared ground. Make low, flat hills from four to six feet apart, each hill two or three feet across, and thoroughly pulverize sixteen to eighteen inches deep. Mix a large shovelful of rotten manure in the soil of each hill, and plant from six to eight seeds in each, as some are apt to fail. If bugs appear, dust with slug shot or with lime and soot. Allow no fruit to ripen on vines. For pickles and late Cucumbers, seed can be sown as late as July.

Childs' Early Beauty—A most remarkable and valuable early Cucumber; first offered last year. It is a sport from Early Siberian, and has that variety's great value as a cropper. It is as early as Extra Early Russian, though twice as large as that variety, and keeps its lively green color to a very late state of growth, and will supplant all other early sorts, such as Siberian, Russian, Green Prolific, Thorburn's Everbearing, etc., for it is not only earlier, but larger and much finer in every respect. It is even so fine that it has been called Early White Spine, though it has no relation to that superb late variety. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. 25c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Long China—A very solid Cucumber, with few seeds, and growing eighteen to twenty inches long. A fine and prolific variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb. $1.30

Thorburn's Everbearing—Claimed to even excel the Early Russian in its everbearing character, producing fruit in immense quantities, whether fruit is allowed to ripen on the vine or not. Fine for table or for Pickles. Cucumbers short and thick. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Childs' Ivory Monarch—An ivory-white Cucumber, growing nearly two feet in length, and weighing five or six pounds. Six times larger than any other sort. It is really a monster, and when half grown exceedingly fine in quality. Its enormous size, great beauty and oddity make it one of the finest vegetables for exhibition at fairs, and it never fails to capture first prize. Its flesh is thick and solid, and with very small seed cavity, and notwithstanding its size, it has fewer seed than any other Cucumber we ever saw. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Improved Early Russian—One of the most valuable, especially in the South. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, bearing its short, plump fruits in clusters, and if allowed to ripen seed will bear from June until October, and that in hot, dry weather that crisps nearly every other variety, root and branches.

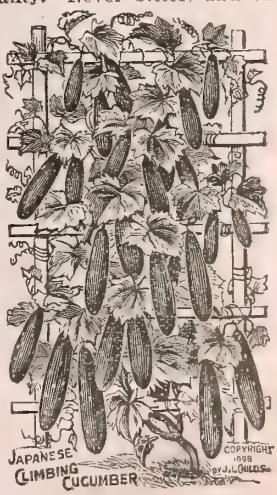
Bennett's White Spine—(PRIVATE STOCK.)—Our seed from this is saved from one of the finest stocks on Long Island, and Long Island leads the world on choice garden vegetables. These Cucumbers grow seven to ten inches long, uniformly plump and full to the very ends, a glossy dark green in color. A superior quality in every respect. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Early Green Cluster—A prolific variety, with crisp, brittle fruit. A fine pickling variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Cherkin—Small, thick, oval fruit, very prickly, crisp and tender. Used only for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.25

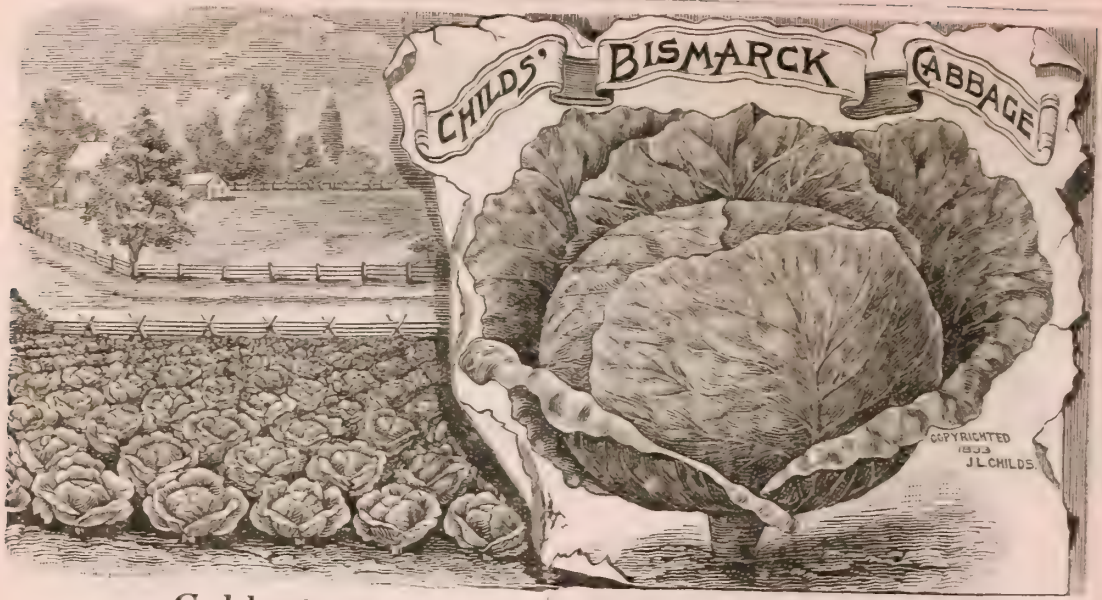
Green Prolific Pickling—A standard pickling variety, with slender, dark green fruit, very crisp.

Japanese Climbing—This Cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the length of ordinary varieties. The vine climbs readily, and they may be grown on fence, poles or trellises, thus saving much valuable space in small gardens. The fruits are of a fine, lovely green color, about a foot in length. Flesh thick and firm, and of splendid quality. Never bitter, and exceedingly fine for pickling as well as for slicing. The vines never mildew, and the fruit being raised well above the ground is alway free from insects, rot or rust. When picked freely, a vine will continue bearing during the entire season, and one hill will keep a good sized family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.



African Horned—When fully grown it is the size of a small Muskmelon, oblong, and covered with protruding points or horns. For eating it should be taken before it is too old. In quality it is simply luscious, having the pure Cucumber flavor in a degree of delicacy and refinement not before seen. It is exceedingly tender and consequently easily digested. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

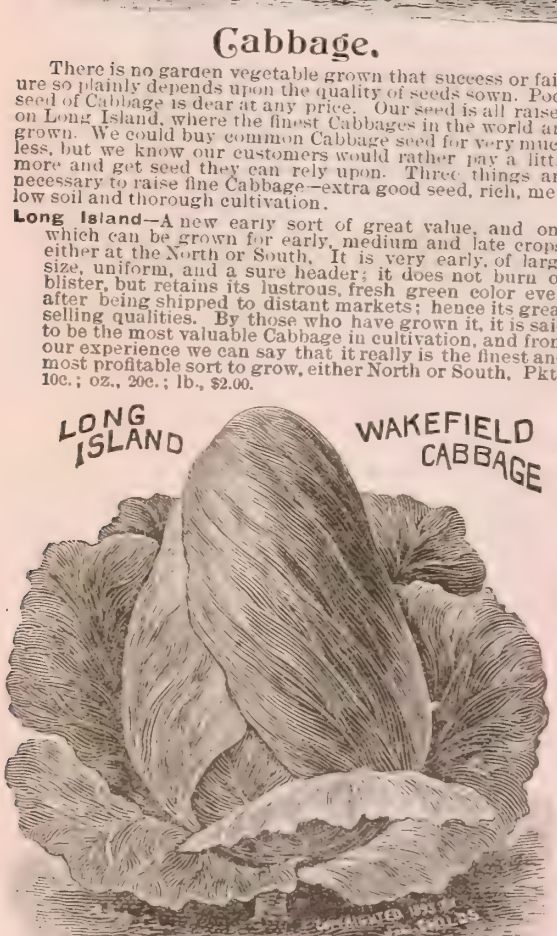
One packet each of the eleven sorts, 60c.



Cabbage.

There is no garden vegetable grown that success or failure so plainly depends upon the quality of seeds sown. Poor seed of Cabbage is dear at any price. Our seed is all raised on Long Island, where the finest Cabbages in the world are grown. We could buy common Cabbage seed for very much less, but we know our customers would rather pay a little more and get seed they can rely upon. Three things are necessary to raise fine Cabbage—extra good seed, rich, mellow soil and thorough cultivation.

Long Island—A new early sort of great value, and one which can be grown for early, medium and late crops, either at the North or South. It is very early, of large size, uniform, and a sure header; it does not burn or blister, but retains its lustrous, fresh green color even after being shipped to distant markets; hence its great selling qualities. By those who have grown it, it is said to be the most valuable Cabbage in cultivation, and from our experience we can say that it really is the finest and most profitable sort to grow, either North or South. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

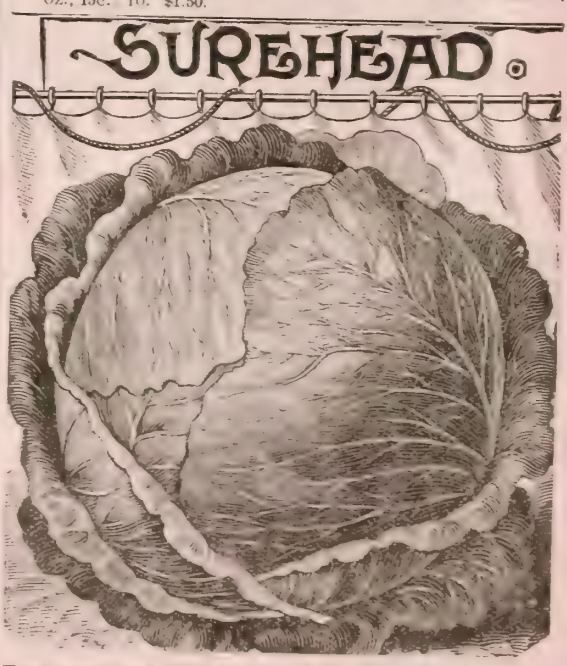


Early Long Island Wakefield—A standard variety, early and of fine quality. By all odds the best and most profitable early sort to grow in any part of the country. Our strain is perfect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Newark Early Flat Dutch—An early large Cabbage of excellent quality, of the flat-head type. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Childs' Bismarck—This wonderful Cabbage, introduced by us some years ago, was produced by cross-fertilizing extra fine strains of Drumhead, Flat Dutch and Large Drumhead Savoy; then by careful selection and saving for several years a type was established entirely distinct and, we believe, superior to any other Cabbage. It shows the Savoy blood by dark green color and slightly wavy leaves, though not crinkled. It possesses the largest size ever attained in Drumhead or Flat Dutch and the superb quality of the Savoy. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Winningstadt—This is a German variety; very distinct, with large, pointed heads, solid and closely packed. Very fine quality and exceedingly popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.



True Surehead—This is also of the Flat Dutch type, and therefore very certain to head, however hot and dry the weather. The heads are large, round and flat and very hard and firm of texture, fine grained, and of most excellent quality. It is also a remarkably good shipper and keeper, and is bound to become a universal favorite. For years our True Surehead Cabbage has been the leading sort with thousands of market gardeners. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

World Beater—A new Cabbage, as large or larger than Marblehead Mammoth, yet uniform in size and true to type, and a *very solid header*. No doubt it is the very best mammoth Cabbage to be had. Originated here on Long Island by a noted grower. Pkt., 10c.; oz, 20c.; lb., $2,25.

All-Seasons—As the name would indicate, good for all seasons—early, medium or late. A sure header and long keeping; quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for marketing almost as early as the standard early sorts. See page 83.

Vandergaw—A highly bred Cabbage, that could hardly be improved in any respect. Compact, short-stemmed, sure to head, with heads very uniform and hard, few outer leaves, and quality of the very best; crisp, fine grained and delicate, and delicious flavor. Can be used as second early, main crop, or as late Cabbage, by sowing seed in succession. Pkt., 10c,; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Danish—A remarkably fine Cabbage from Denmark, having qualities that are lacking in any standard American variety. Heads medium size, uniform, round, and remarkably solid. It is a fine shipper. For a late Cabbage for winter use it has no superior, being of good size for family use and of extra good quality; crisp and tender, better than any Cabbage with a less solid head can possibly be. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $3.00,

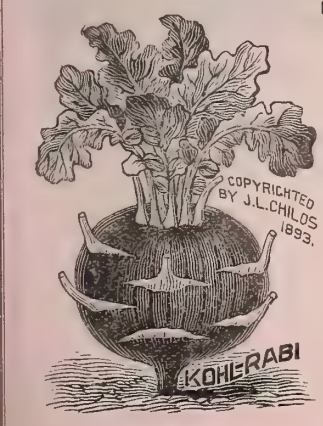
Excelsior Large Flat Dutch—This is a fine strain of Flat Dutch, always a standard sort, particularly in the South and Southwest, as it heads well in hot weather. Quality good and size large, Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50,

Red Dutch—The most popular pickling Cabbage. Large deep red. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c,; lb., $2.00.

SPECIAL OFFER.

One packet each of these 14 sorts for 70c.

Kohl Rabi.



Extra Early Vienna—A curious vegetable, in appearance half-way between a Turnip and a Cabbage with a turnip-like swelling of the stems above the ground, which, while young and tender, has a delicious Cauliflower flavor, very appetizing and pleasant. Very easily grown, requiring only such care as will make a Turnip or Cabbage do well. It is cooked much the same as Cauliflower and served with pepper, butter and salt. It is certainly most delicious. Pkt., 5c.; oz, 20c.; lb., $2.00.

CHILDS WAKEFIELD SAVOY

New Savoy Cabbages.

The Savoy Cabbage is so far superior to other varieties in eating quality, that it has always been a wonder to us why any other kinds were grown for table use. A good Savoy is quite as delicious when properly cooked as Cauliflower. We introduce this year three new Savoys of exceptional merit. Childs' Savoy is the finest of this class ever grown.

Childs' Savoy—Large, solid heads of the Drumhead type, with a very deep, rich green color; heads of exceptional beauty and uniformly perfect. As to quality it is simply superb. Crisp, delicate, tender, rich and delicious beyond description. Either for market or family use, it is the pearl among Savoys. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 35c.

CHILDS' SAVOY CABBAGE.

Red Savoy—Beautiful large solid heads, of a dark, rich color and a fine keeper, lasting well to late winter. It has a most surprising quality, fully equal to the best Brussels Sprouts. Claimed by many to be the finest flavored of all Cabbages. It certainly is a grand novelty. Pkt, 15c.

Wakefield Savoy—Long pointed heads, after the style of Wakefield. Very early, and being of an upright habit of growth can be planted closely. Dark, rich green leaves. Heads rich yellowish white, tender, crisp, and most delicious. A fine acquisition. Per pkt., 15c.

Marvin's Savoy—An extra fine Savoy A sure header, with large, wrinkled heads that are delightfully tender and crisp. A fall and winter Cabbage, keeping well and not losing its flavor. The best of all Savoys, which have the most delicious flavor and are more crisp and tender than other Cabbages. A superb sort for the home garden, Pkt.,10c.; oz., 30c.; lb, $2.00.

One packet each of these four new Savoys for 30c.

Sweet Corn.

Every family garden ought to have a selection of Sweet Corn, from the earliest to the latest varieties. Fine for drying, as well as for summer table use.

Childs' Honey Dew—For years seedsmen have been working to get a corn as early as the Cory, with large ear, white cob and superb qualities of the later varieties. We at last have it. Childs' Honey Dew is not only the earliest, but has a good sized ear, white cob, and large, pearly kernels of the very finest quality, tender, sweet and nutritious. It also keeps in good condition a long time before hardening, and runs perfectly uniform, each ear exactly alike. It grows to medium height, and the ears are formed low and two to three on each stalk. Mr. Willard, the extensive seed-corn grower of Weathersfield, Conn., says: "It is the finest Early Corn." It is the most profitable corn to plant, combining, as it does good size and color, luscious quality, handsome appearance and long keeping, and earliest to mature. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. We will send a peck, by express, for $1.00.

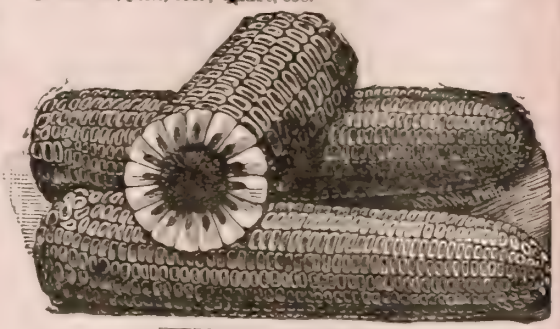
Shoe Peg, Ne Plus Ultra or Quaker Sweet—One of the very best eating varieties grown. An old sort, but none the less valuable on that account. Very deep kernels of the sweetest and most appetizing flavor, and one of the best of all for drying and canning. A prolific and thoroughly reliable Corn. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Early Maine, or June 21st—This is one of the very earliest and by the way, one of the finest sorts grown. For an early variety it is of large size, with large pearly white kernels, which are very highly flavored. It is not subject to the Corn disease, and is the surest cropper of any extra early sort. We can recommend it very highly. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Evergreen—The standard late sort, and probably the all-round best Sweet Corn grown. It has magnificent large ears, deep kernels, small cob, and possesses the finest flavor, being tender and juicy. A favorite with everybody, and must have a place in every garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 45c.

EASTERN EARLY SWEET CORN.

Eastern Extra Early—This is perhaps the earliest of any Sweet Corn, and the largest and finest ear of all the extra-early varieties. It is a good yielder, two ears to a stalk being the rule. The kernels are large and white, with a pure white cob. Flavor extra fine and sweet. Mr. Eastman, of Maine, a Sweet Corn fancier, spent many years in perfecting this variety which the New Hampshire Experiment Station pronounced the best among a test of 41 varieties combining earliness, quality and yield. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.



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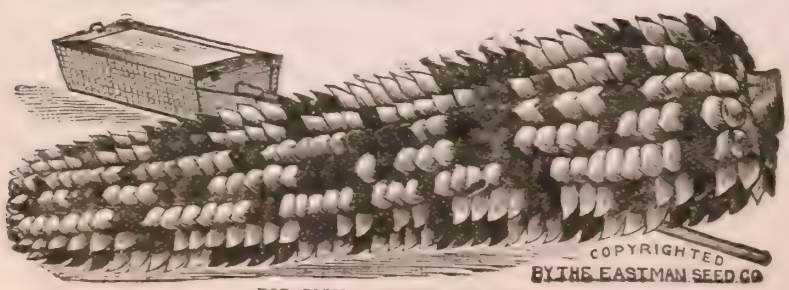
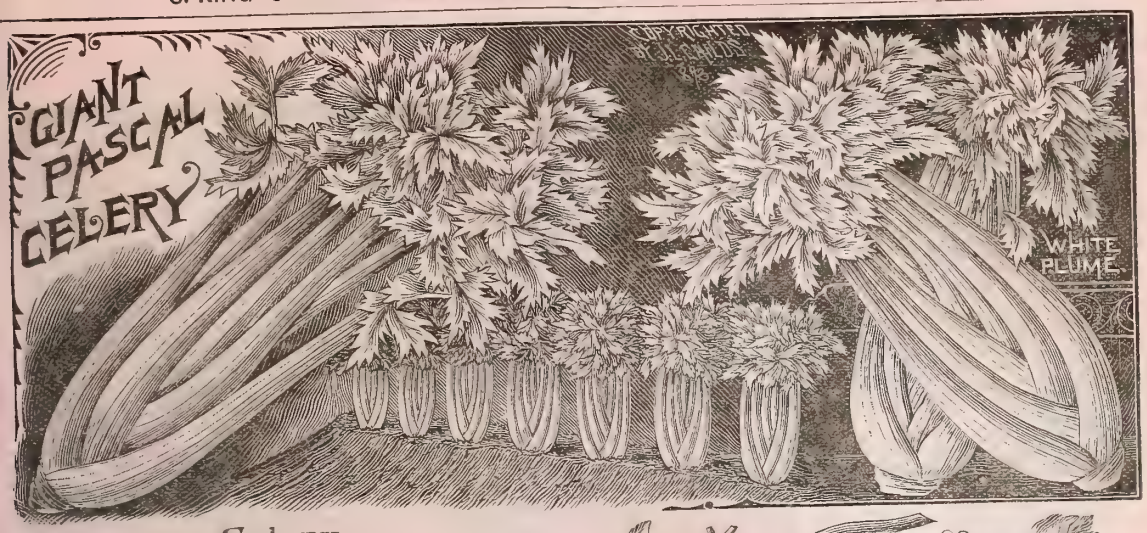


POP CORN, TATOOED YANKEE.

New Pop Corn.

Ruby Beauty—This new Pop Corn is to our mind the finest variety yet seen. It is of the rice type, with beautiful ears and kernels, of the richest ruby red color. Grows quickly, ripens early, and when popped expands into a great flake-like puff which is tender and delicious. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.

Tatooed Yankee—A new and exceedingly odd variety from Maine. It is of a rice type, color golden yellow, the ear being blotched, spotted and marked in various places with tatoo black kernels. It is of fine appearance, very early, an abundant yielder, and an extra fine sort for popping. Attracts great attention at fairs. Pkt., 10c.



Celery.

A vegetable at once healthful, toothsome and beautiful. Said by physicians to be of great benefit in all diseases of the nerves and kidneys. Deliciously fresh, crisp and nutty to the taste, and with the broad stalks, ivory white, waxy yellow or rose red, tipped with finely composed leaflets of pale, glaucous green, are ornamental to the finest table. Sow early in the house or hotbed and transplant, or sow outdoors when the ground becomes warm, making the soil very smooth. When plants are four or five inches high transplant, giving six inches between plants in the row. Have the soil very firm and rich, plant in trenches, and as the plants grow draw the earth closely around them, to blanch the stems. Never do this in wet weather, or the stems will rust. South of the Ohio, Celery can remain in the ground all winter with a little protection. In the North, plants should be taken up and stacked closely together, with soil firmed around the roots, and kept in the cellar or a pit for use.

Giant Pascal—A sport from the Golden Self-Blanching, of immense size, broad, thick, stringless stalks, remarkably crisp and nutty, early to blanch, and the very best keeper of any Celery. The huge stalks of this kind will "snap" like glass, they are so tender, and they never are watery or strong. Fine market sort, and one of the very best for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $1.75.

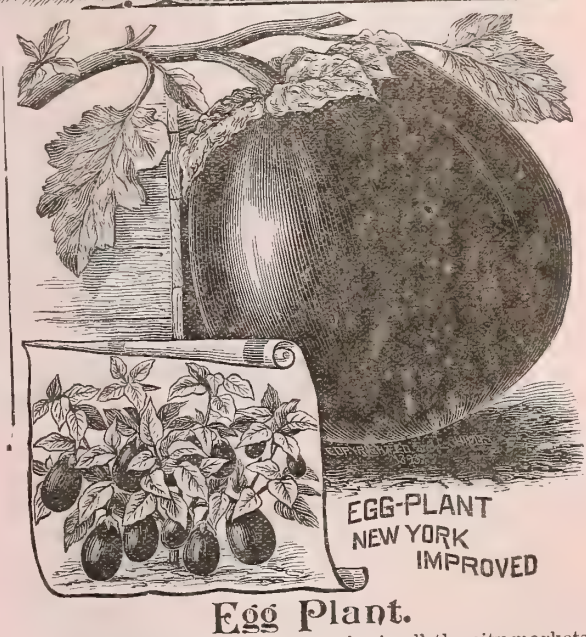
GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.

White Plume—One of the most beautiful of all, and the earliest. Brittle, fine grained and the easiest known sort to blanch. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.00.

Golden Self-Blanching—Fine to follow White Plume. An exceedingly fine-flavored sort; blanches easily to a beautiful golden yellow, and is very brittle and crisp. No garden complete without it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.50.

New Rose—A fine rose-colored Celery of high flavor, crisp and nutty. Much liked. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Turnip-Rooted, or Celeriac—See page 55.



Egg Plant.

New York Improved—Very popular in all the city markets This is the easiest, finest and largest variety grown, and is a fine sort for either market or private garden. Start seed in hot-bed and transplant in warm, rich, mellow soil. The fruit is very handsome, large, smooth, and round, and of a rich, shining purple-black color, and is borne until frost. Cook by cutting into half or quarter-inch slices, and, after paring, dip them into salted water for an hour; then dip in beaten egg and cracker crumbs and fry in fat until golden brown. It has a meaty flavor, much liked by everybody. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., $3.50.

Prolific Tree—(New)—Grows tall and branches freely, holding its numerous fruits well above ground. Fruit *very large*, 20 inches in circumference, and of superb quality and extra early, bearing for a long season and keeping well. In all around good points it is a wonder and one of the finest vegetable novelties in a long time. Pkt., 10c.; oz., $1.00.

White Pearl—This new, pure white Egg Plant, is a most beautiful vegetable, as well as the finest quality of all Egg Plants. Very tender, delicate and highly flavored. Ripens early fruit of large size and borne freely. Really one of the very best vegetable novelties in a long time, and one which we can highly recommend. Pkt., 10c.

Kale Dwarf Spreading.

Kale is very easily grown and much hardier than any Cabbage, standing the winters well, if protected by a little light litter or straw. The action of frost improves its flavor wonderfully, and it is particularly fine for winter and early spring greens. This is an extra fine strain of beautiful curled dwarf German type, but of a rather spreading habit, and extra fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

Lettuce.

An indispensable vegetable—certainly the finest salad plant known. Easily grown, either in hot-bed or garden, and can be sown very early. South of Mason and Dixon's line, can be sown in open ground in fall, and needs only a slight protection of straw or loose litter to be perfectly hardy.

Childs' Half Century—We all know how much careful selection year after year has to do with the quality of our vegetables, but there are few things that can claim a half-century descent from only the choicest and best specimens of one type. This Lettuce can do so, however, and we are not surprised, therefore, at its superior qualities. Its leaves fold together, forming a long, loose head, remarkable for tenderness and delicious flavor. It may seem a good deal to say, but it is, nevertheless, a fact, that for tenderness, brittleness and delicious quality, this Lettuce, grown in the open ground surpasses any other sort grown under glass. Nothing can approach it in quality. It is so brittle and tender that its leaves break to pieces in handling, if care is not used. It is a quick grower, and attains its full size in forty to fifty days, and remains in fine condition for a very long time. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.00.

Curled Simpson—A fine sort, still able to hold its own against all new-comers. In every respect this is a first-class sort, and always popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.

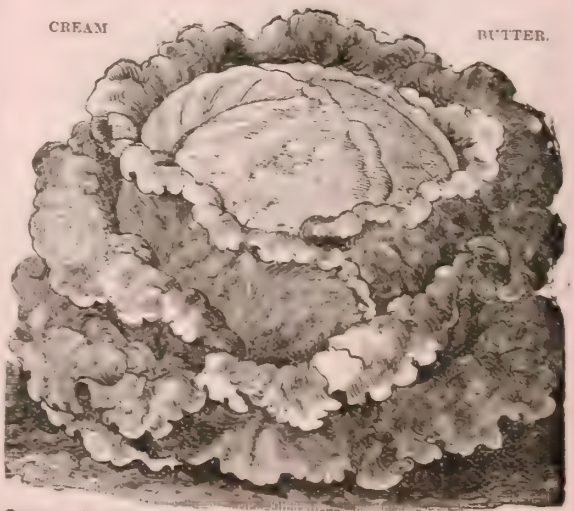
Denver Market, or Savoy—An early variety of head Lettuce, either for forcing or open ground. Forms large, solid heads of a good light-green color. The leaves are beautifully marked and blistered (like Savoy Cabbage) and crisp and tender; of excellent flavor. This is in many respects a most unique Lettuce, and one which will be very popular as soon as known, occupying the same place among Lettuce, as Savoys do among Cabbages. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

New Hanson—Our Southern customers say this is the finest Lettuce they can grow. Plants large and uniform, perfect head, quality superlatively fine, and stands heat extraordinarily well. There is probably no better large-heading sort than this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Buttercup—A beautiful golden sort, almost as ornamental as a Coleus. Large head and fine quality; beautiful golden yellow. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

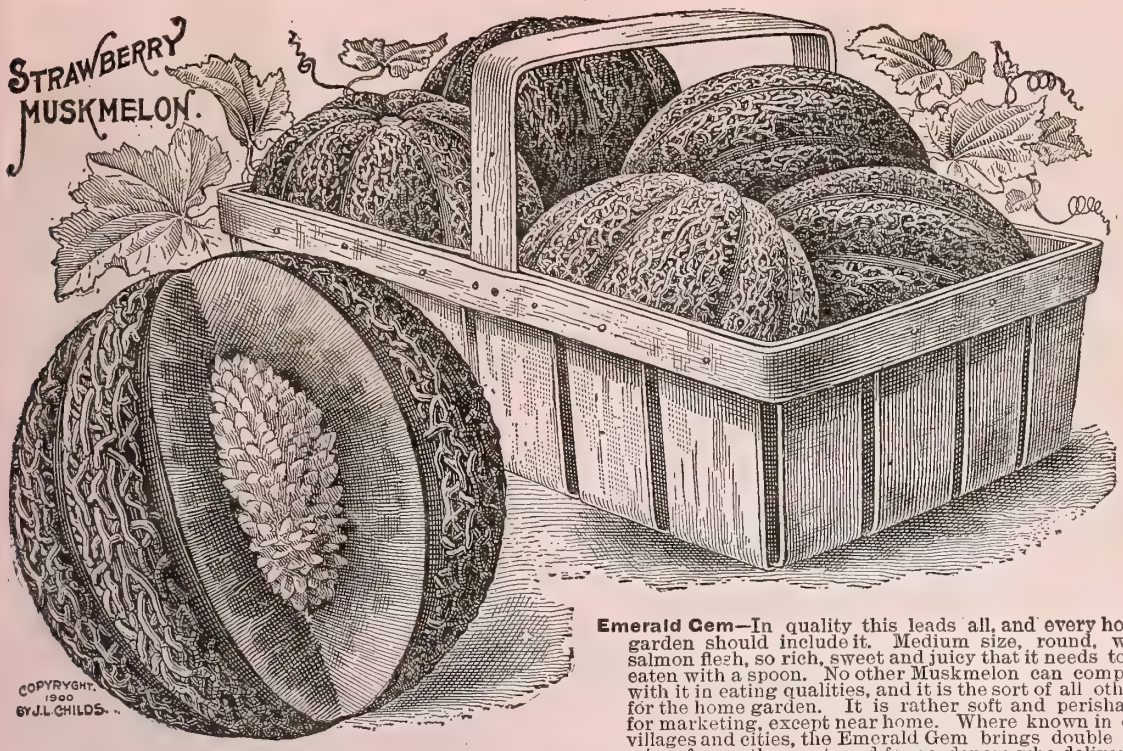
White Paris Cos—This is a popular European sort, and is good for forcing or early summer sowing. Well grown heads weigh 5 to 7 pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.35.

Tomhannock—Just the Lettuce we have all been looking for; one that will stand the hot, dry weather of mid-summer without growing bitter, tough and running to seed. It makes a beautiful bunch a foot high, and even more across, and the leaves are delightfully crisp and tender. Light green, well bronzed. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.



Cream Butter—A crisp, tender, richly flavored variety, forming large heads of a beautiful creamy color; medium early, and stands summer heat remarkably well. This is one of the very best summer varieties of head Lettuce we have ever grown. Heads very solid, crisp, and of a beautiful and refreshing cream color. In quality it is very buttery and rich. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50

Golden Heart—



Muskmelon.

This fine fruit is much more delicious when eaten fresh from the vines than when allowed to stand for days in the heat of the market. Grow them like Cucumbers.

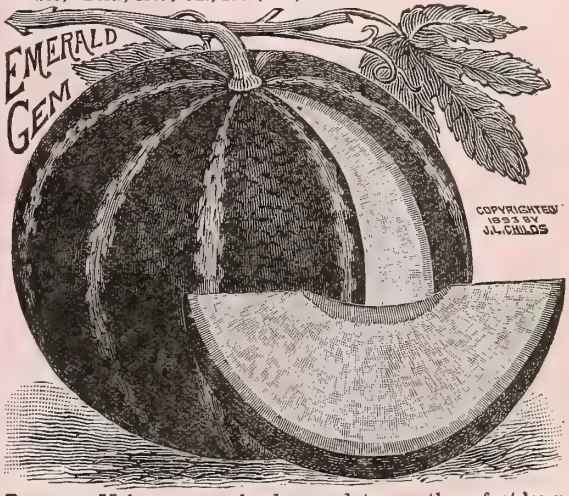
Strawberry—Its first appearance, in 1889, caused a great furore in the market. People were loud in its praise, exclaiming that it surpasses all other Melons in points of excellence, with a FLAVOR LIKE THAT OF THE STRAWBERRY, hence the name. It grows to a desirable table size, from six to eight pounds each. Its outside appearance compares favorably with the Green Nutmeg of old, turning to a yellowish hue as it were, over night, when ripe. Its smooth, deep flesh is of an attractive salmon-red color, soft to the rind, and exceptionally delicious. It is certainly one of the most attractive and best flavored Melons yet grown. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Improved Rocky Ford—Finest of the Netted Gem type, and a famous melon owing to its unsurpassed quality. We all know that for some years past the best, and in fact the only real good Muskmelons that have come into our eastern markets were the Rocky Fords. An expert has been to Rocky Ford, Colo., where these melons are grown, and bought the finest strain in cultivation from a private grower. This can be relied upon for producing the finest melons it is possible to grow. 10c. per pkt.; 20c. per oz.; $2,00 per lb.

Champion—A very handsome, large, round melon of delicious flavor and rich in quality. A great cropper and a favorite market sort. A fine standard sort, which will give great satisfaction in any locality. For shipping it is without doubt the very best of all Muskmelons. It keeps well, is of fine appearance and high quality. None better for market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Princess—A new and superior variety for either market or home garden. The melons are nearly round, deeply ribbed, very thick flesh of a rich salmon color, and very sweet and pleasant. Melons medium size and quite early and very handsome. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $1.00.

Emerald Gem—In quality this leads all, and every home garden should include it. Medium size, round, with salmon flesh, so rich, sweet and juicy that it needs to be eaten with a spoon. No other Muskmelon can compare with it in eating qualities, and it is the sort of all others for the home garden. It is rather soft and perishable for marketing, except near home. Where known in our villages and cities, the Emerald Gem brings double the price of any other sort, and for gardeners who deliver to customers, or to the market direct, it is the most profitable. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 85c.

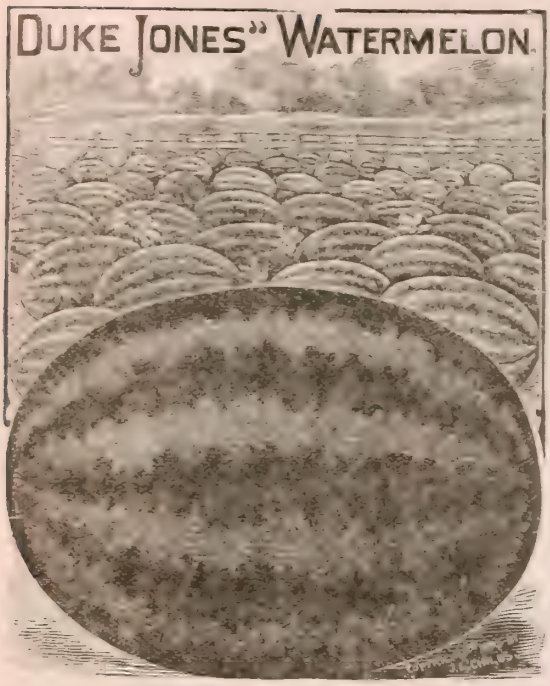


Banana—Melons very slender, and two or three feet long. A very fragrant variety, and if not picked until thoroughly ripe, of very good quality. Its flesh and flavor, as well as its shape, remind one of a great luscious Banana. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

Montreal Green Nutmeg—An uncommonly large melon and a great cropper; flesh green, very firm, and delicious, and, unlike most varieties, does not lose flavor during wet or cloudy weather. Pkt., 5c., oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Winter Pineapple—A new melon of much value, owing to the fact that it can be kept until Christmas or later. The color of the flesh is a deep lemon-yellow, and the outer skin is a dark green, marked with yellow. The quality is delicious having a rich spicy flavor and much thicker and firmer flesh than ordinary Muskmelons, hence their long keeping qualities. They very rarely ripen on the vines, so melons must be picked off in the fall and put in some cool place until they are wanted. It is usually necessary to place them in a warm room for three or four days before using, so as to ripen thoroughly; in this way they can be had for the winter months. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

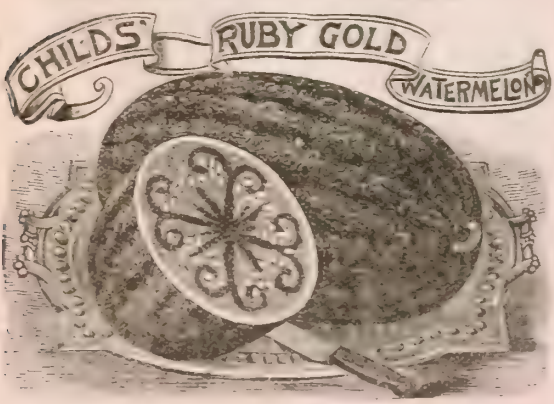
One packet each of the eight sorts for 50c.



Watermelon.

Never plant Watermelons on hard, poor soil. Plant in large, deep, mellow hills, made very rich with well-rotted manure, and you will have great crops of this delicious vegetable, which, to be had at its best, must be picked from one's own garden.

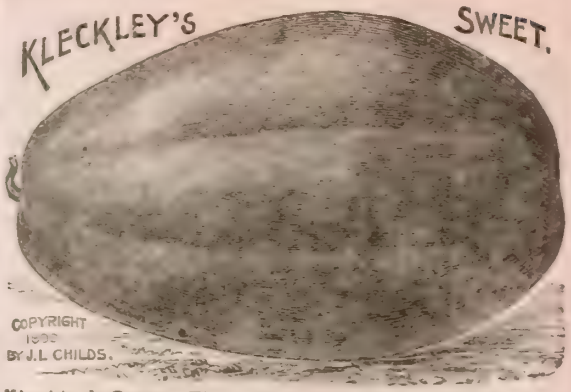
Duke Jones—Briefly, this is supposed to be the largest, handsomest, most prolific, and in other respects the finest melon grown. Will average nearly fifty pounds each by the field, while some specimens reach nearly one hundred pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.



Childs' Ruby Gold—A variety introduced by us. The most beautiful table Melon grown. Fine for table decoration, cut crosswise and alternated with slices of deep red melon. In shape the melons are a long oval, two feet or more in length, and will weigh 40 to 60 pounds each. The flesh is a rich, solid golden yellow, with star-like center of carmine or ruby-red, almost too beautiful to think of eating, yet its quality is as superior as its appearance. There is absolutely no core or hard spots in it, but the flesh is juicy, sweet, luscious, melting in the mouth almost like ice-cream. Lasts long in perfect condition without getting "stringy" or "mealy." Early and sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $1.25.

Hungarian Honey—One of the most delicious varieties known, of an almost honey-like sweetness. Round, dark green melons that will average about ten pounds each; flesh rich and melting. Extra early and fine for the Northern States. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

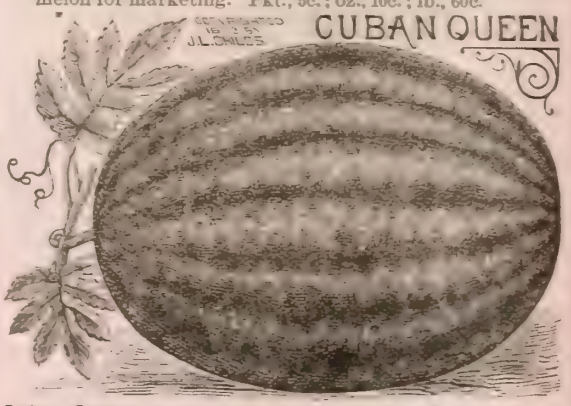
Phinney—An early, oval variety, prolific, sweet and crisp. One of the best



Kleckley's Sweet—The earliest large melon, weighing 50 to 60 pounds each, and ripening in about seventy days from the time of planting. It is a great yielder, and in quality the sweetest, juiciest, most crisp, solid and luscious. Grows two and one half-feet in length. Brilliant red inside, dark green without. With us the best melon ever tested. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Mountain Sweet—A fine old sort, so deliciously sweet and tender that it will almost melt in one's mouth. The best variety for the extreme North, where few Watermelons succeed. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Dixie—A great Watermelon for the South, for growing to ship to Northern markets early. It possesses the finest quality, combined with large size, handsome appearance, earliness, long-keeping and excellent shipping qualities. It is so much earlier than Kolb's Gem that it gets into market in time to catch the highest prices. It is a great melon for marketing. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

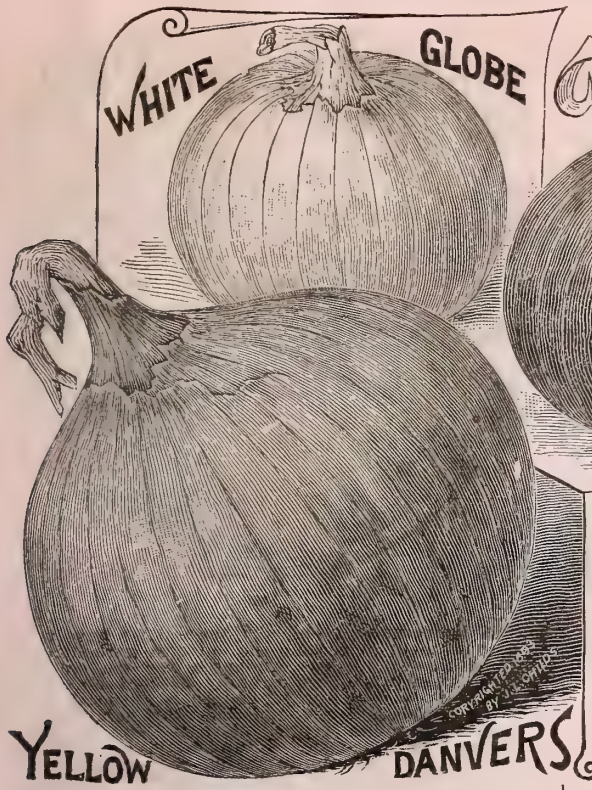


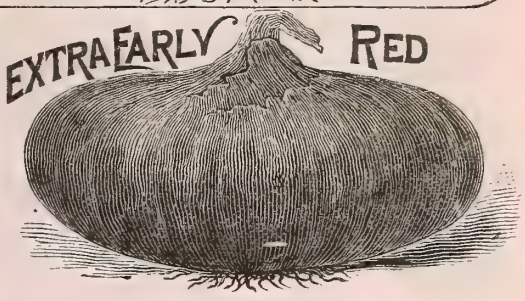
Cuban Queen—A very juicy, sweet variety, of the largest size, a special favorite with those who like their melons nearly all core. A splendid seller in the market, a good keeper, and productive. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

IRON CLAD.

Mammoth Iron Clad—Enormous melons, sometimes weighing from 50 to 75 pounds. Do not plant on heavy soil, or they will come into bearing late. A superb melon. Flesh rich and sweet, shell hard and firm, and melons will keep well for weeks. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

One packet each of these nine Melons for 60c.





American Onions.

One of the most wholesome foods known, and much relished by most people. Most physicians agree that the free use of Onions as a food is a healthful and beneficial stimulant to the system. In cases of colds, coughs and lung troubles they are often better than medicine. Certain it is that they are the best remedy for that new disease, "La Grippe," and their use is one of the best preventatives from taking it. The Onion is one of those vegetables with which success or failure depends largely upon the quality of seed sown. The best Onion seed is always the cheapest. We are certain that ours is as good as can be found anywhere. Have the ground made very fine, deep and rich for Onions, and keep free from weeds. We also offer a new Onion set on 84th page.

Large Red Weathersfield—A favorite red-skinned sort, of large size and handsome appearance. Onions somewhat flattened, flesh purplish-white, high-flavored, and keeps well without rotting. A standard sort and a great favorite with market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.20.

Yellow Globe Danvers—Another popular Onion widely grown for market. Plump, handsome, yellow-skinned bulbs, very uniform, round and perfect. We have an extra fine strain of this. More seed of this Onion is annually sold than any other variety. It does well everywhere, and in all soils and climates, and is everywhere a popular market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.20.

Extra Early Red—A quick-growing variety, much liked in the North, as it grows well in cold, mucky soils, where other sorts fail. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Southport White Globe—A globular, mild-flavored Onion of fine appearance and superior quality. A great favorite in most localities, and probably the most popular White Globe variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Italian Onions.

During the past few years Italian Onions have come into favor with astonishing rapidity. Where a few years ago they were grown only as fancy garden crops, they are now planted extensively for market, and they are, too, a profitable crop. They are of rapid growth and attain a very large size in a wonderfully short time. They are not only large, but very uniform, perfect in shape, and exceedingly handsome in appearance. In quality they are acknowledged on all sides to be the best, having an exceedingly mild, delicate and pleasant flavor. For eating raw, they are, of course, greatly superior to other Onions, owing to the mildness of their flavor. These Onions do best on a rich, light or sandy soil, in a warm and, if possible, sheltered situation.

Mammoth Silver King—A superb Onion, that sometimes grows to weigh 2 to 4 pounds. Silver-skinned, white fleshed, very mild and tender—so mild, sweet and tender that it can be eaten raw like an apple. It has an average diameter of 5 to 7 inches, making a circumference of 15 to 20 inches. It is probably the most popular Italian Onion known to cultivation. A grand seller in all markets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

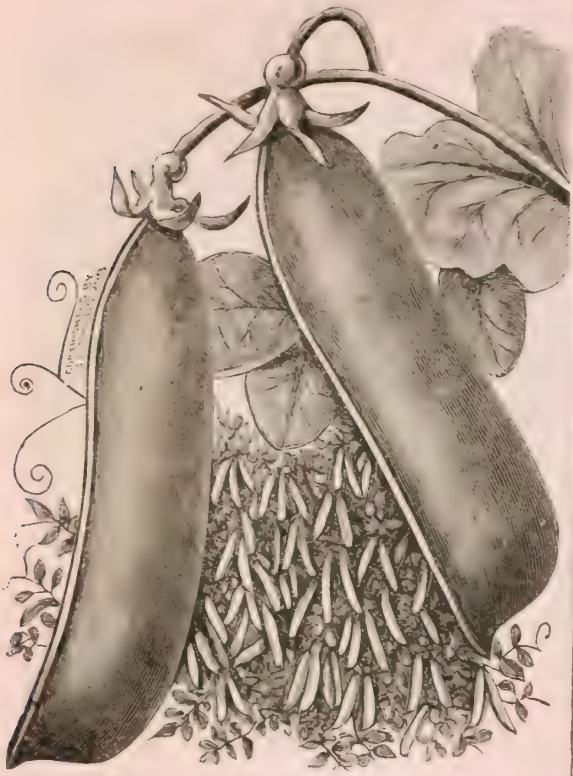
Prize Taker—A very large, yellow globe Onion, very handsome, fine flavor and grand sort for market. Immensely productive, producing 700 bushels to the acre, and is claimed by the introducer to be the largest, handsomest, finest-flavored yellow globe Onion ever introduced. It is a good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.75.

Mammoth Pompeii—A most remarkable Onion on account of its enormous size and fine quality. They often grow to the weight of 4 or 5 pounds, with a very thin and delicate skin, which is of a handsome reddish or reddish-brown color. Notwithstanding its great size, it is exceedingly mild and fine grained. Extra fine; easy culture; good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Early Radish, or Barletta—The prettiest, button-like little Onion imaginable. Small, flat, and silver-skinned, so mild in flavor that they can be eaten raw, like a stalk of Celery, and for pickling are far ahead of any other Onion. Leaves almost no odor on the breath, and is liked by all. Three weeks earlier than any other Onion and grows very readily from seed. Is used largely for eating raw, like a radish, yet when cooked it has the most delicate flavor of any Onion. Introduced by us several years ago as Early Radish, about the time it was introduced into France as Barletta. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

SPECIAL OFFER.

We will send one packet each of the eight sorts for 50c. One ounce each for $1.00.



NEW PEA, GRADUS OR PROSPERITY.

Peas.

This delicious vegetable is so much finer when freshly gathered than when allowed to shrivel for days in the market, that every family, if possible, should grow their own Peas. For early crop, plant as soon as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and plant every two weeks thereafter for succession until summer.

Childs' Morning Star—*A new wrinkled Pea, earlier by a week, than any of the small, round varieties.* This is one of the greatest of recent vegetable novelties. It is the earliest pea grown by nearly a week. It is a fair-sized, wrinkled variety, and, therefore, possesses the same delicious quality of the late wrinkled kinds. For the first time the fine quality of the late varieties is combined with extreme earliness. When this is once tried, no other early pea will be grown. Added to its other qualities it is exceedingly prolific, and continues to bear longer than any other early sort. It grows 18 to 20 inches high, and does not require bushing. Mr. William Falconer says: "I ought to tell you about the Morning Star wrinkled pea you let me try here two years ago. I sowed it in single rows in light, warm soil, about the end of March, when I sowed round Peas and Alpha and American Wonder. It astonished me by its earliness, coming in ahead, and it is a good cropper and of fine quality. Better still, it is the most reliable wrinkled pea for fall use—sown August 1st—that I have ever grown." Mr. J. Goody of Clare, Suffolk, England, writes: "Your pea, 'Morning Star,' beats any pea in England for a first crop." Stock exceedingly scarce this year owing to the enormous demand last year. Pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c. By express or freight, $2.50 per peck.

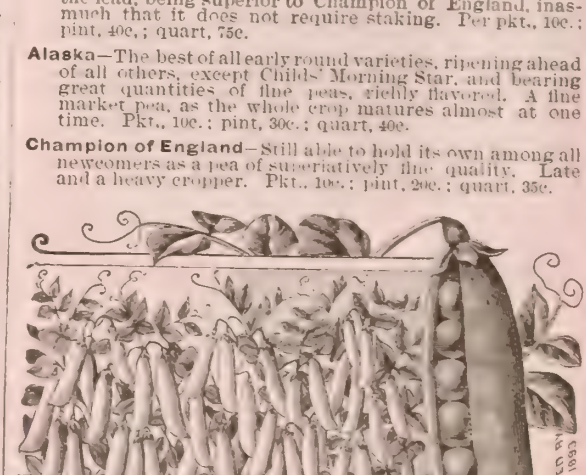
Gradus or Prosperity—A new, large podded, strong growing pea, which is only a few days later than the earliest small round sorts. It has all the fine qualities of the large late variety, yet is extra early. So vigorous and strong is its growth that it effectually resists the pea louse or aphis, which do so much damage to early crops nowadays. Largest pods, largest peas and very finest quality. Stock very scarce. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.; peck, $2.50.

Herald—A new English Dwarf Marrowfat Pea of great value. Of large size, with large pods, very dwarf and compact in growth, and of the finest quality. As a family garden Pea there is probably not a variety that can equal it in desirable qualities, especially in productiveness and superb quality. In all important points it certainly excels. Pkt., 20c.; pt., 60c; qt., $1.00.

Childs' Universal—In Childs' Universal we have a new sort destined to become the universal garden favorite the world over. It was originated over ten years ago, since when it has been carefully selected and grown, until we now have what we believe is the most perfect pea in cultivation. It combines a dwarf habit with fine quality and enormous productiveness, the three essential features all in one sort. It can be styled a half-dwarf, not tall enough to require staking, yet branching freely and producing vines enough to give one of the largest crops any pea can yield. The peas are of medium size, wrinkled, and of exceedingly high flavor. It is medium early, and fine for succession if sown at intervals of two weeks. For a standard garden sort, it must take the lead, being superior to Champion of England, inasmuch that it does not require staking. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Alaska—The best of all early round varieties, ripening ahead of all others, except Childs' Morning Star, and bearing great quantities of fine peas, richly flavored. A fine market pea, as the whole crop matures almost at one time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 40c.

Champion of England—Still able to hold its own among all newcomers as a pea of superlatively fine quality. Late and a heavy cropper. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

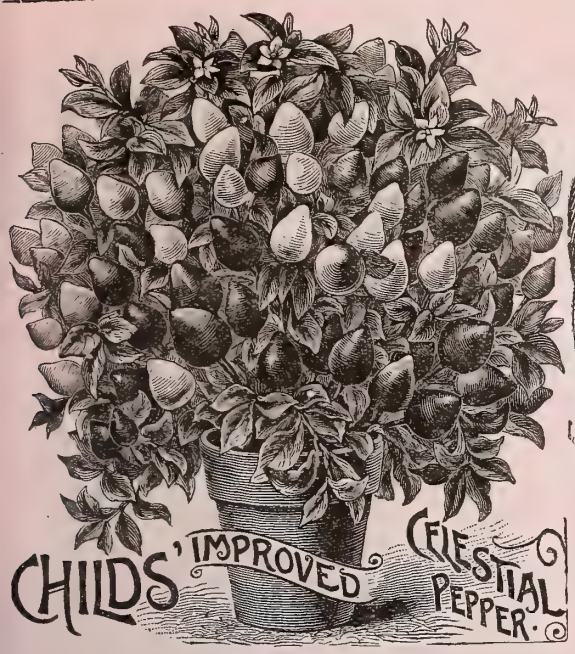


AMERICAN WONDER PEA.

American Wonder—An early wrinkled pea of exquisite flavor, ready for the table in thirty to forty days after planting. Grows only a few inches high. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

McLean's Little Gem—An old standard Tom Thumb variety, still among the very best for a first crop pea. Very hardy. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Everbearing—A fine sort for the home garden, as it does not ripen its pods at one crop, but continues in bearing a long time. Fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 60c.



Pepper.

No trouble whatever to grow. Useful for culinary purposes, ornamental as pot plants and useful in many ways.

Childs' Celestial Improved—A fine sharp-flavored Pepper of transcendent beauty, setting its fruit early and continuing until cut down by frost. A well grown plant will show peppers in every stage of growth, and in three or four different colors, according to the stage of ripeness, creamy white, pink, and vivid scarlet, all on the bush together, a most novel and wonderful sight, Beautiful pot plants; in fact few pot plants make such an attractive show as does the Pepper when in full bearing. It is perfectly charming, showing such quantities of fruit of so many distinct colors. Pkt., 10c.; oz., ; lb., $2.00.

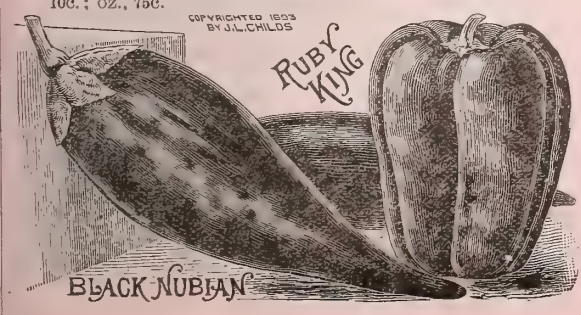
Childs' Kaleidoscope—Beautiful enough to be classed among pot plants, yet with a fine sharp flavor that makes it valuable in the garden also. From the time the pretty plum-like peppers form until they are fully grown, they are of a light yellowish-cream color. As they commence to ripen they change, first to a clear canary color, then deepening to orange, then again turning to pink or rose, varying from shade to shade until they become a vivid, shining scarlet. One of these pepper plants, with their dark green leaves, and hanging full of cream, pink, yellow, rose and red fruits, is exceedingly beautiful. It is enormously prolific, plants branching freely and weeping with their load of jewel-like fruit. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Ruby King—The beautiful plants are crowded with large, handsome fruits of a bright ruby-red color, which grow four to six inches long by three to four inches through. They are *remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste.* So mild is their flavor that they can even be sliced and eaten with vinegar like tomatoes or cucumbers. Pkt., 5c.; oz. 15c.

Large Bell—A fine old standard sort. See page 83.

Red Cluster—A dwarf sort, loaded with beautiful glossy scarlet fruits, which are particularly valued for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

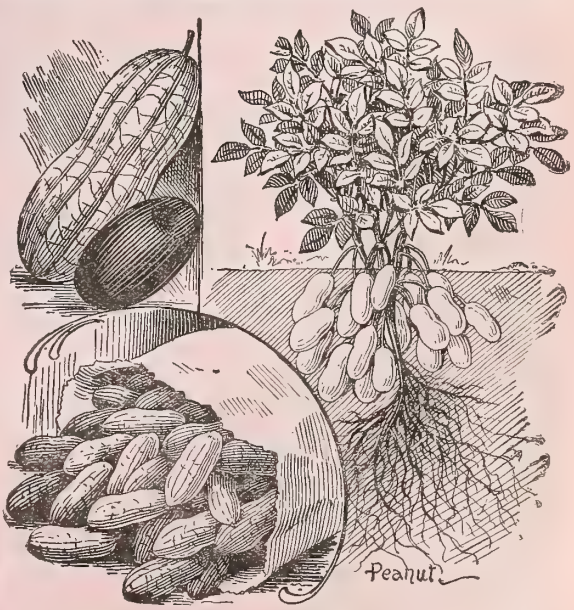
Chinese Mammoth, or Giant—A grand sweet sort, bearing enormous deep crimson peppers, as large as big turnips. Brings in market double the price of any other sort. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 75c.



EXCELSIOR PEPPER.

Excelsior Pepper.

A cross between the Chinese Giant and Ruby King, not so large as the former but larger than the latter. It is the earliest of Peppers, and outgrows other kinds. Growth exceedingly vigorous, and each plant produces from 17 to 20 mammoth sized peppers. Better keeper than Ruby King. Half hot. The most valuable market Pepper yet produced, selling quickly at fancy prices. Pkt., 10c.



Peanut, Early Sweet.

Grow some Peanuts for the children. Not at all hard to grow, and stands the heat and drouth like a salamander. This sort is so early that it ripens in all the Northern States and in Canada, while its quality is of the very best, the nuts being exceedingly sweet and rich when roasted. Any light, sandy or loose soil suits them. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 30c.

Pumpkin.

Large Cheese—An old standard sort, and a grand variety for large field crop. See page 48.

Quaker Pie—What would Thanksgiving be without pumpkin pie? This Pumpkin furnishes fine-grained and rich flavored fruits, just what is wanted for a really good pie. Ripens early and keeps late. A prolific sort of a light yellow shade; very popular. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Genuine Mammoth or True Portion—This is the giant Pumpkin that always takes the premium at the county fairs for size. Grows so large two men can scarcely lift one of the fruits, which have been grown to weigh nearly or quite 200 pounds. Flesh bright yellow and very fair quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Parsnips.

One of the few winter vegetables. The roots are perfectly hardy and are improved in flavor by the action of the frost. Roots can be dug during thaws in winter or very early in spring, when a change of food is most relished. They are boiled whole, then sliced thin and fried brown with slices of salt pork.

Improved Guernsey—This is not the coarse Stock Guernsey, but the table variety of that name, the sweetest, finest grained Parsnip grown. Smooth, thick roots, about 12 inches long. Very fine stewed, fried, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Long Smooth Hollow Crown—An old standard variety, of fine quality with very long roots. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Parsley.

Hardy and easily grown. Very fine for garnishing, as well as useful for flavoring soups, etc.

Extra Double Curled—Mossy curled and crisped leaves; very beautiful and of good quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.

Beauty of the Parterre—One of the finest sorts for garnishings or low edgings. Very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Spinach.

American Savoy—A heavy cropper, of fine quality and very hardy; succulent leaves, curled and crinkled like a Savoy Cabbage. Hardiest and most productive sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c; lb., 40c.

New Zealand—A valuable new variety, as it grows freely all summer and may be cut repeatedly. As fast as cut new shoots and leaves will grow out. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Okra, White Velvet.

The Okra, or "Gumbo," is very popular for making soups stews, etc. This new sort is undeniably the best variety grown. Its large, thick pods are round and smooth, and of an ivory-white color. It is a very profuse bearer, and is ornamental as well as useful. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

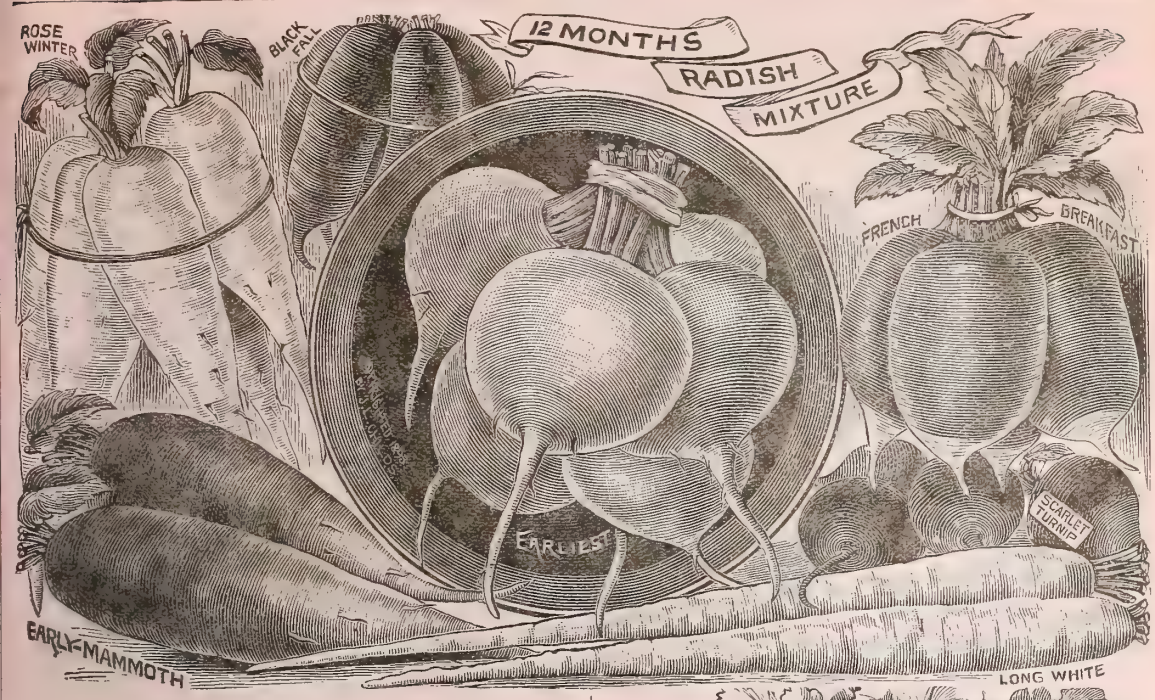
Salsify, or Oyster Plant.

One of the most delicious of all root vegetables. So hardy that it can be left in the ground all winter, and dug as needed, whenever the ground thaws. Stew until tender, then cook exactly like oysters, with pepper, cream and butter. Try a large bed of them this year. They are delightful.

Large White—A quick grower; very fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Sandwich Island Mammoth—Like the above, but twice the size. Cannot be praised too highly. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.40.

New Golden—New variety, the roots having a light yellow color, with yellow blossoms and dark green leaves with crimpled edges. It is by far the richest of all the Salsify and for soup making it is superb, possessing the fine, nutty flavor that is so highly relished in Lima Beans. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.



Radish.

The following are the cream of all sorts.

Earliest Forcing—Earlier than any other sort, by a week. Bright scarlet turnip Radish, very smooth and round, with small tops, allowing it to be grown closely together in hot-bed or forcing bench. Fine also for out-of-door. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Early Mammoth—Known also as "Shepard" and "Chartier." This variety sometimes reaches the enormous length of two or three feet and is sometimes eight inches through at the top. A very quick growing variety, crisp, juicy and tender, and mild in flavor. Its color is a fresh pink and white, and for market has no superior among summer Radishes. It remains tender and good for several weeks after it is ready for use and is a splendid all around Radish. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

French Breakfast—A very attractive pink and white Radish, olive-shaped and with delicate flavored flesh, free from coarseness or any biting quality. A grand little table sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

White Vienna—Finest of all long white radishes. Skin and flesh pure white, beautiful shape and fine flavor. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Early Scarlet Turnip—A fine quick-growing early Radish, of fine eating qualities. See page 83.

Chinese Rose, Winter—A handsome and superior midsummer, fall and winter sort, of a lovely scarlet-rose color and large size. Flesh meaty, crisp and tender. Keep roots in soil for winter use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

20 Days Express—Is fit for the table in twenty days from the time of sowing the seed and is fully grown in twenty-five days, at which time the Radish is about one inch in diameter at the top, three inches in length and tapering to a point. Color, brightest, richest scarlet, tipped with white. Quality very mild, crisp and delicious. By far the best flavored Radish we have yet seen, and the most desirable for table use. The finest, and, without doubt, the earliest Radish in cultivation. It contains all good points. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.00.

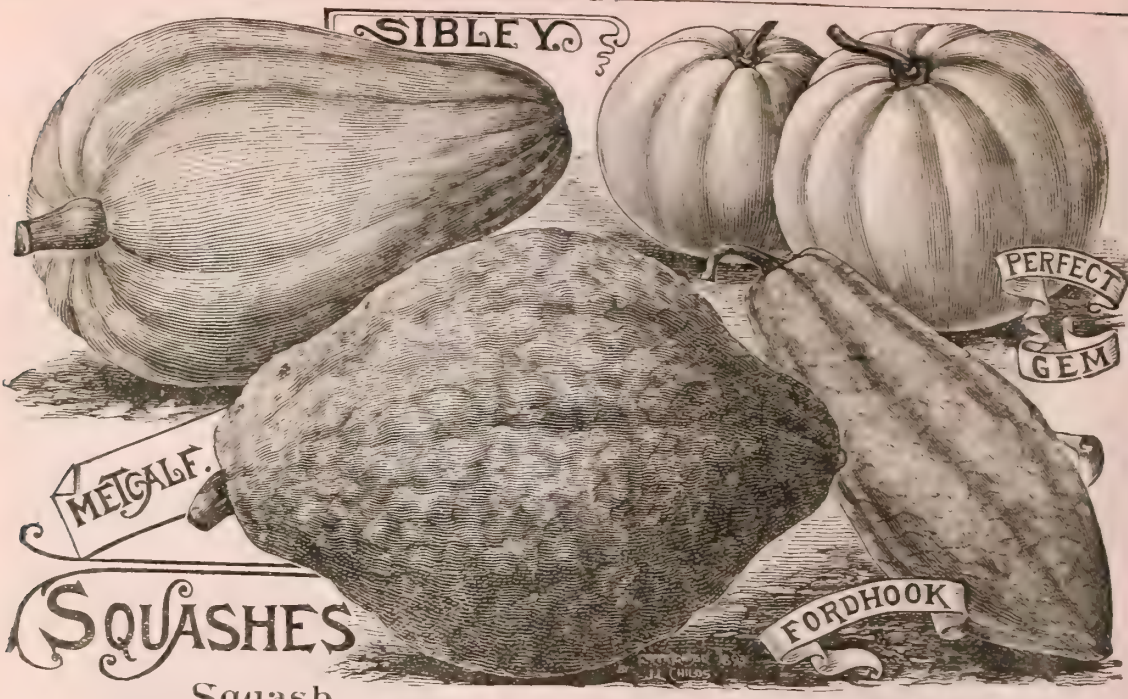
Sakurajima Mammoth—One of the good new things from Japan. It is of very quick growth, reaching an enormous size in a short time. Color pure white; crisp and tender, and of remarkably mild and pleasant flavor. An ideal table Radish. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Twelve Months' Radish Mixture—A superb mixture of all kinds of Radishes, early, medium, fall, winter, Chinese, etc. Sow a row of it and it will furnish you delicious Radishes throughout the year. The early and medium ones, as they mature and are pulled, make room for the larger growth of the fall and winter varieties. This mixture is made up of twenty-five best varieties, and with it it is necessary to make but one sowing for the entire year. This novel mixture was introduced by us some years ago, and our customers liked it so well that last season we sold tons of it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; ¼lb., 30c.; lb., 90c.

One packet each of the 10 sorts, 50c.

New Radish Icicle.

A long Radish of almost transparent whiteness, which has no rival among all existing varieties. It is so early that the roots are 4 to 5 inches long in 20 days from the time of sowing the seed in the open ground, and ready for the table. As to quality, it is has no superior, and is the most beautiful Radish yet seen. A long white, alabaster-like, early variety has not previously existed. This is a real jewel. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.



Squash.

a delicious table vegetable, and when cooked like Pumpkins, makes superior pies.

Ford Hook—A long, golden yellow Squash, with very dry and fine-grained flesh. This is one of the best winter Squashes, and an extra fine keeper, and the plants are so robust that failure is very rare. Resists the attacks of the Squash borer better than most kinds; matures early and is a sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Sibley—Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry and rich in flavor. A fine baking variety. See page 83.

Metcalf—A Maine variety of extra fine quality, fine grained and dry. No better eating Squash can be found anywhere. A long winter keeper, good till spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.

Perfect Gem—This sort is good both for summer and winter use. Thin skinned, fine grained and of very pleasant flavor. Will keep any length of time. See page 83.

Mammoth Chili—Specimens of this have been grown to reach 300 pounds in weight. Notwithstanding its enormous size, this Squash is of very fair quality, and keeps well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Mammoth Whale—A new French variety of the enormous weight of one hundred or more pounds. Fruit thick and an ashy-gray color, and tapers toward the end. Flesh solid, beautiful orange-yellow, and of excellent quality. It has also the advantage of being a long keeper, and a variety which does well in any soil or climate. It is a splendid variety in all respects, especially for exhibiting at fairs. Pkt., 10c., oz.; 30c.

Giant Summer Crookneck—A new crookneck, which is a little earlier than the old variety, and fully twice as large, being nearly two feet in length. It is of extra fine quality, handsome in appearance, and finds a ready sale at good prices in any market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Early Scallop—An early summer sort. Very fine and popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

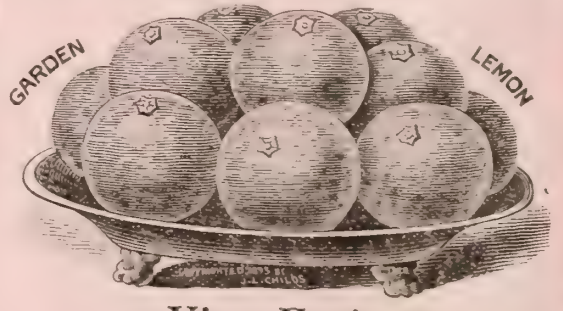
Japanese Alphabet—Its peculiar characteristic, from which it derives its name, is in the fact that its seeds are distinctly marked on both sides with characters which appear to be Japanese letters, and it is said that the Japanese alphabet may be selected from a handful of seed. Be this as it may, it is certainly curious and interesting, but that is not all. We find the Squash to be superior to the old Hubbard in quality, and a much stronger and freer grower, as easily raised, in short, as pumpkins. For pies this variety excels all other squashes or pumpkins. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Improved Hubbard—(PRIVATE STOCK.)—No more popular Squash than the Hubbard has ever been grown. Of late years it has largely lost flavor because stocks have become badly mixed with inferior strains. Our stock is quite limited, but is absolutely true and will produce the old-fashioned, deliciously sweet Squash we all remember. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.75.

One packet each of the ten sorts, 75c.

New Dandelion.

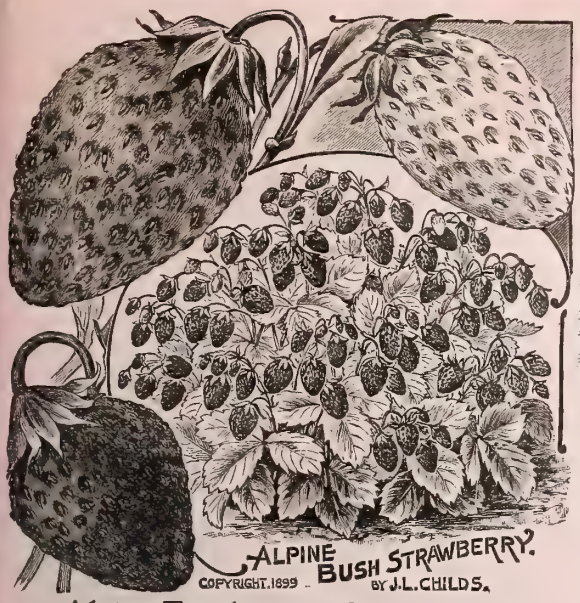
Improved Large Leaved—The old "greens" of our grandmothers, now improved to large, tufty plants, with wide, long leaves of superior quality. These make a very healthful, nutritious and pleasant food, that can be used very early in the season. This new strain is the largest, finest and quickest growing variety yet known. It is a splendid vegetable which should be found in every garden. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 50c.



Vine Fruit.

Garden Lemon—This new vegetable is a great boon to all those sections of the country where fruit is scarce, as its fruit makes delicious preserves, sauce, etc., and are more easily prepared. This is something like the Vine Peach, but needs no Lemon in putting up, as it is much more acid. Cultivation like the Muskmelon. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.

Vine Peach—This sort has fruit the size of a large Peach, and of a bright orange color, flesh firm and when cooked with lemon to give it a slight acidity, makes fine pies, sauce, sweet pickles or preserves. Easily grown and a good keeper. Stored in a cool, dry place they keep fresh and good for several months. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.



Alpine Everbearing Strawberry.

These grow freely from seed and fruit the first summer. Our experience with them is as follows: In March or April we sow seed (under glass). The young plants appear in a short time and grow well, and in May are transplanted to the open ground. By the first of July they commence blooming, and the first fruit ripens about the 14th of that month. From that time there is ripe fruit continually until late in October. The berries, while not quite so large as the garden varieties, are much higher flavored. In fact, they are in quality far superior to all others. A few of them will perfume a whole room, so great is their delicious aroma. Who could desire a more unique novelty than this? Grow Strawberries from seed, like Pansies, and have delicious fruit all summer, some white, some red, some black, and some (the bush varieties,) which produce no runners. Per pkt.

Runner Varieties, Mixed—White, crimson and black fruited. These are everbearing, fruiting freely from June till October. The plants increase rapidly by runners, like ordinary sorts. All perfectly hardy in any climate. 10

Bush Varieties—Wonderful berries, having no runners, but growing into immense stool plants; fruit similar to other Alpine; enormous yielder, single plants in this State having yielded one pint of berries at a picking in November. Fine for borders, as they throw out no runners, and are singularly beautiful when loaded with their dense crops of fruit; grow easily from seed, the seedlings bearing well the first summer. Perfectly hardy and of exquisite flavor. City people, or others, who desire to do so, can grow the bush varieties admirably in pots. They are well adapted to pot culture, and will even fruit well during winter.

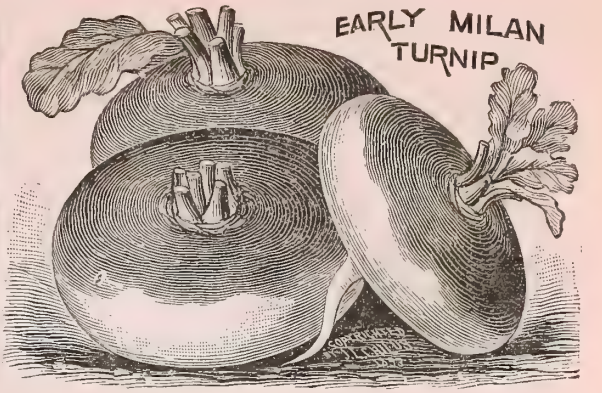
Everbearing Bush, White—Beautiful snow-white fruit of exquisite flavor 15

Everbearing Bush, Red—Like the above, but a fine crimson color 15

One packet each of the three sorts for 30c.

Tobacco, Persian Muscatelle.

This is the best of all, an exceedingly ornamental plant, and so early it can be grown in any State. It is from the garden of the King of Persia. It is one of the earliest varieties, of a remarkably strong and vigorous growth, attaining the height of five to seven feet. The stalks are strong, thickly set with leaves, many of them measuring 3½ to 4½ feet in length, with proportionate width. The leaves are usually small ribbed, very elastic, of finest possible texture, a light brown color, and mild flavor. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



Turnips.

A valuable garden and farm crop. Good Turnips are almost as desirable for table use as Potatoes. For winter use sow last of July or first of August. Turnips may be sown late in ground that has had early crops.

Scarlet Kashmyr—This Turnip has a striking resemblance to a large Radish, being as large and uniform in shape and crisp as a Radish, and of a most excellent quality. It matures almost as quickly as the early Radish, and when cooked is of surpassing quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Early Ivory—A sort of peculiar value, owing to its extreme earliness. It grows almost as quickly as a Radish, and to a great extreme resembles a large white winter Radish. It is sweet and of first-class quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Purple Top White Globe—A large Turnip of fine keeping qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Large Yellow Globe—A large round Turnip, with deep yellow flesh and fine, firm grain; very sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Extra Early Milan—The earliest strap-leaved variety. A smooth, medium-sized variety, with a bright purple top. Fine quality and good keeper. Very delicious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

White Egg—Beautiful white, egg-shaped sort, of rapid growth. Flesh firm and sold, fine-grained, sweet, and of very mild flavor. Fine either for early or late variety. Grows to good size. Pkt., 5c.. oz., 10c.; lb.. 50c.

Tennoji—The Tennoji Turnip is a mammoth flat variety of excellent quality. It is impossible to say just how large it will grow under favorable conditions, but the Japanese claim is something incredible. Here in our trial grounds, under the disadvantage of a crowded test bed, it has grown to the largest dimensions we have ever seen in a Turnip. Finest Japanese seed, 10c.. per pkt.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 35c.

Ruta Baga, or Swede.

These are grown largely for stock feeding, as well as for table use. For either purpose they are a profitable crop.

Carter's Elephant—A new Turnip of great size and a wonderful cropper. In shape it is beautiful and perfect and remarkably uniform, of quick growth, and excellent quality. Owing to its very large size it will probably turn out 50 per cent. more bushels to the acre than any other, and is, therefore, the most profitable variety for large crops, especially for growing for stock feeding. Pkt.. 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

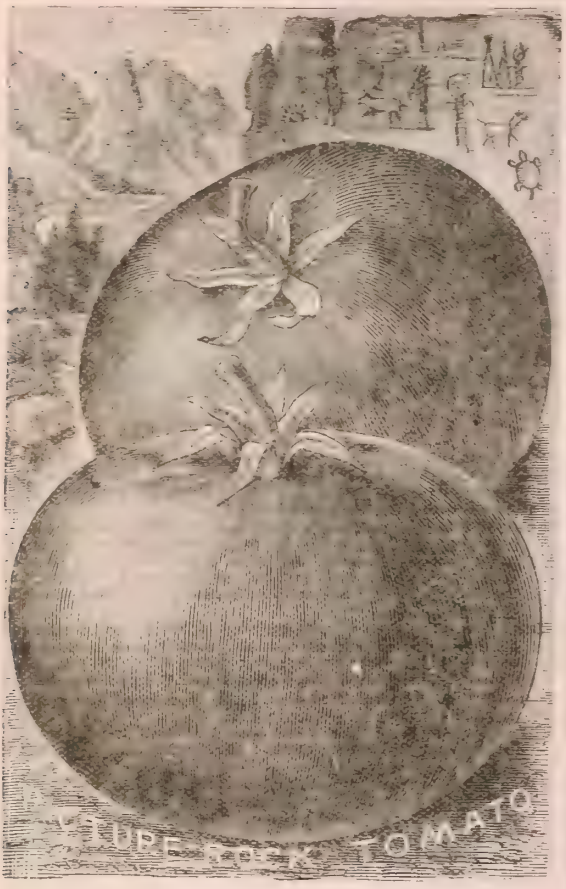
Breadstone—A beautiful white Ruta-baga, so remarkably tender that it will cook in fifteen minutes, while the flavor is uncommonly sweet and delicate. It is also a wonderful keeper, not growing pithy and dry like the ordinary Turnip, when kept in the cellar over winter. Flesh perfectly white, fine grained, tender and sweet without the strong taste so common among Ruta-bagas. Finest of all varieties. Pkt., 5c . oz., 15c,; lb., 65c.

Improved American Ruta-baga—Large, smooth and handsome, quick in growth, tender and fine in quality. A superb standard sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c,; lb.. 60c.

Strawberry.

We have all heard of the great size and luscious swetness of the French Strawberries. They are certain' a great way ahead of the American varieties. We have s' ured seed of the finest large-fruited kinds, which we have every reason to believe will produce varieties far superior to those in cultivation in this country. Strawberries are easily grown from seed, and it is interesting to note the different shapes, sizes and quality of the seedlings when they begin to fruit.

Large-Fruited Vareities—Mixed. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c,



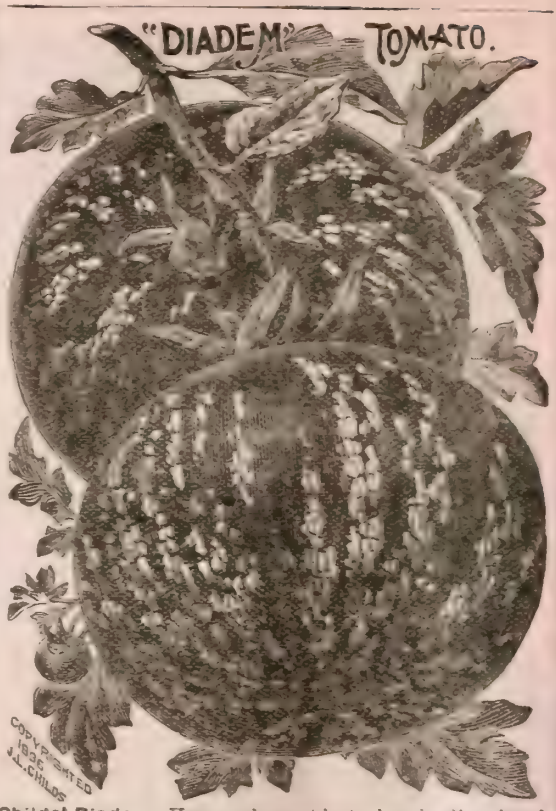
Tomatoes.

An indispensable vegetable. City dwellers with almost no room can train their Tomatoes to their back wall and raise quantities of fine, fresh fruit for their own use. Start early in house or hot-bed, transplant just after a gentle rain, and tie plants to stake or trellis. They stand drought remarkably well. Just before frost pick all the well developed fruits, spread them singly in a light, frost-proof place, and they will continue ripening for two months or more.

Childs' Picture Rock—The grandest Tomato ever introduced. Early, smooth, uniform, prolific, longest bearing, longest keeping, and the finest in quality. In all these essential points this Tomato is superior to any other kind. Fruit bright scarlet, of fair size, and so perfect and uniform that they look as though each one was moulded with the same stamp. On account of this perfect shape and great beauty it is unsurpassed for market. Its quality is extra fine and it commences to ripen its fruit very early and continues in bearing until frost, a most remarkable quality. Its keeping qualities are, however, the most wonderful. Ripe fruit, fresh from the vines, have been kept in perfect condition from three to four weeks during warm summer weather. It originated in the Picture Rock region of Wisconsin hence its name. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.50.

Childs' Ruby Queen—Tomato of enormous size, and as smooth as an apple. Its color is the deepest and darkest crimson-red, very rich and beautiful. It is very solid, very thin skin, and its flesh throughout is most tender. It has not a particle of coarseness or toughness. It is just the sort you would choose for your own table above all others. It is much like the Golden Jubilee, except in color, and is perhaps rounder and smoother in shape. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50.

Ponderosa—A Tomato of large size, solid, of fine quality. Claimed to be the largest known sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.



Childs' Diadem—Here we have at last what leading horticulturists all over the world have devoted years to producing. A Tomato of high quality, with a beautiful striped or variegated skin. Can you imagine anything more unique? Diadem is a Tomato of medium size, perfect shape, high quality and of a deep ruby-red, the rich dark color of the skin being broken with stripes and spots of gold, the beautiful effects of which are admirably shown in cut above. Not only is it beautiful, but in points of excellent in other respects it is quite up to Picture Rock, which is now the standard of perfection. It is of fair size, smooth, handsome shape, and of best quality. This splendid novelty was introduced by us recently, and has given great satisfaction everywhere. Many people say that it is the most novel thing, and by far the greatest attraction in their gardens. Everybody is delighted with it. 10c., per pkt.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

Ignotum—Esteemed as the perfection of a Tomato. Extremely early and a great cropper. Fruits large, smooth, without green spots or cores, and almost entirely free from cracks or rotten spots. Delicious flavor, very meaty and but a few seeds. Fine for slicing, cooking or canning

Climbing Tomato—A novel Tomato of a climbing habit that if supported, climbs to a considerable height. A very unique ornament to the kitchen doorway or window when hanging full of its many large red fruits. Fruit smooth, solid and of fine flavor. Quite a novelty and in every respect a very unique Tomato. Pkt., 10c.

Childs' Golden Jubilee—A fit companion to the Ruby Queen, and, like it, of enormous size, specimens having been grown that weighed over two pounds each. The fruits are round and solid, with very few seeds; flesh meaty and, like all yellow varieties, very sweet and mild in flavor. A beautiful table sort, especially when arranged with the deep, rich slices of Ruby Queen on the same dish. The skin of this sort parts readily from the fruit without scalding. An important feature. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

Garden Sowing—The great merit of this new Tomato is that it is so early and such a hardy, sturdy grower that it is not necessary to start seed in the house or hot-beds but it may be sown in hills directly in the garden at corn-planting time. Plants from these garden-grown seed make a very quick growth, showing ripe fruit almost as early as the earliest varieties which are started in hot-beds. This is a feature which will save a vast amount of trouble in Tomato growing and will be appreciated by many. Fruit of medium size, bright red in color and perfect in shape. Of course, fruit may be had a little earlier by starting the plants inside in which case it is the earliest of all early varieties, but it ripens so quickly and grows so well from garden sowing that we recommend it being grown in that way. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Great Mississippi—On receipt of the following letter from A. W. Martin, Duncan, Miss., in the fall of 1899, we purchased stock of this new Tomato and have grown a large crop. In bringing it to our attention Mr. Martin said: "I have grown a wonderful Tomato plant. It is 8 feet 2 inches high and has a circumference of 15½ feet. It has ripened 167 Tomatoes on it and as many blossoms, and still it grows. As to the flavor of the fruit, it is far more delicate and sweet than the common Tomato. This plant came up in a row of Beet seed sent me from the Agricultural Department at Washington and is supposed to be of Foreign origin."

Other letters from the neighborhood confirmed Mr. Martin's report and the Tomato evidently created a genuine sensation. We grow a large crop of it and find it to be, as Mr. Martin says, a remarkable grower and cropper. While we had no specimen plant that came up to this, we can readily believe that they might even exceed that record if given special attention, as the growth and yield for ordinary field cultivation was perfectly marvelous. The Tomatoes are of medium to large size, bright deep crimson, and as smooth as wax. We have never seen a more beautiful fruit of any variety, or fruit which run so uniformly even in size and beauty. It is certainly a great acquisition. 10c. per packet; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 40c.

Station Tree—This variety originated by crossing the French Tree with Alpha, the result being a very distinct variety, with thick, curly, almost black-green foliage and great numbers of handsome, solid fruit, with the fewest seeds of any known variety. Tomatoes are of very fine quality, and this sort is especially recommended for forcing, as it does extra well in pots, the earliest of all, and being of fine upright growth it requires but little room. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Golden Fig—Fruit small, beautifully smooth, and almost incredibly productive. The flesh is solid, thick-meated, very sweet and pleasant, and is just right for preserves or sweet pickles, or for drying in sugar like figs. In fact, it dries well and is an admirable fruit when dry, fully equal to the fig. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

STATION TREE.

New Field Corn Ivory Monarch.

We are pleased to introduce this glorious new white Corn, it being a fitting companion to our now world famous Golden Superb. It is even a little earlier than Golden Superb therefore the earliest and by all odds the finest white dent variety. Ears long and slender, cob small, kernels very large and ivory white in color. Makes a most beautiful ear and is enormously prolific. We first discovered this Corn in possession of a farmer on the Eastern end of Long Island. He had grown it for 25 years, having received it from another farmer who had grown it a long time. It has never been introduced, though those who have grown it grow no other, considering this to be the best of all field corns. It is sure to become as famous as Golden Superb. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 35c.; 3 lbs., $1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, peck, 75c.; bushel, $2.00.

F. O. Tenny, Pa., Sept. 6th, writes: "The Golden Superb Corn I purchased of you is a wonder. I planted twenty acres of it and it is a sight to look at. It is nearly ready to cut, and I think without doubt it will yield 100 bushels per acre. Old farmers say they never saw the like. As a general thing this year fodder is awfully tall, but mine is not. It is about ten feet, while most all other is from twelve to fifteen feet and not eared like mine."

The only variety that can beat this is the Ivory Monarch.

New Golden Flint Corn, Yardstick.

A most valuable New Field Corn which is bound to become immensely popular. This on account of its great beauty, enormous productiveness and earliness. In cold climates where the season is short, Yardstick is just the corn that is needed. It gets its name from the enormous length of ears, which though not a yard in length are often one-half of it, by far the longest eared Corn we have ever seen, and the most beautiful. Color golden yellow and as hard as flint. Quality like that of all the fine flint Corns, which is much superior to any dent variety. There is no doubt but that Yardstick is twice as productive as the common varieties of flint Corn. It will yield as many ears, and each ear easily contains twice as much shelled Corn. Its superb quality will be appreciated by those who grind it into meal for home consumption. Pkt. 10c.; lb., 35c; 3 lbs., $1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, peck, $1.00.; bushel, $3.00.

Special Offer.

Golden Superb, Ivory Monarch and Yardstick are the finest fieldCorns grown. That all may test them we will send one packet of each for 25c.; 1 lb. of each for 85c. by mail; or by express, one peck of each for $2.00.; one bushel of each for $6.50.

New Field Corn.

GOLDEN SUPERB.

The Most Valuable Field Corn Ever Grown, and Now the Leading Favorite Where Known from Maine to California.

An enormous golden dent variety, so early that it can be grown in the Northern States, and out-yields any other sort. It originated in Connecticut. It is the finest Field Corn we have ever seen. Ears very large and handsome, 24 rows of deep kernals. It is enormously prolific, producing over 200 bushels to the acre in very dry seasons, in hills four feet apart each way, and with ordinary cultivation. Its great vigor enables it to stand dry weather remarkably, and give a good crop, where other sorts fail from drouth. Often two or three ears are borne on one stalk, and they run as uniform as though they were all made in the same mould, and they are as perfect and handsome as though they were made of wax. No other variety of Corn can approach this, and it is bound, when known, to be more extensively grown than all other kinds put together. Owing to its extreme earliness it may be harvested earlier than any other Dent Corn, even when planted much later. It is the earliest by several weeks of dent varieties. It is seldom one sees anything bred up to such perfection as is this new Corn. Pkt., 10c.; lb. 35c.; 3 pounds for $1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, at buyers' expense, peck, 75c.; bushel, $2.50.

Although it has been ten years since we introduced Golden Superb, our sales of it last year were much larger than any previous year, showing that it is appreciated.

Wonder Forage Plant.

Most productive hay or fodder plant known. Grows 12 to 14 feet high and ripens a heavy crop of seed in 100 days from sowing. It can be mown down when it reaches 5 or 6 feet for hay, and will grow up again so quickly that 3 to 5 mowings are secured in a season. One pound of seed covers an acre sown broadcast, or in drills 12 to 18 inches apart, dropping seed 6 inches apart. The broad dark green leaves closely resemble corn and surpasses in nutritive value any other forage plant. It is greatly relished by all kinds of stock, either green or cured. For seed purposes plant 3 feet apart each way and cultivate. There will be 40 stalks to each plant and 20 seed heads which are from 12 to 24 inches long and covered with seed. Besides a heavy crop of fodder, it will yield 3,000 pounds of seed per acre, unequalled for poultry food, and will ripen in any latitude that will ripen corn. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Teosinte.

This is another forage or fodder plant, and is the great thing for the South. In appearance it resembles Corn, but the leaves are much longer and broader and sweeter. It grows twelve feet high, producing a number of shoots, which are thickly covered with heavy foliage. It produces forty tons to the acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

CHOICE Vegetable Seeds

AT ONLY

3 CTS.

Per Packet.

All Seeds on this page at Three Cents per packet.

We offer a selection of the leading Vegetable Seeds at 3 cts. per packet, and at a correspondingly low price by the oz., and lb. For this purpose we have secured large stocks, all of high class strains. They are better than box seeds at the grocery store, one-half of which, on the average, are yearly returned unsold, and a commission of nearly one-half of the net sales is paid to the groceryman; yet the box business is profitable. They are far better than the free seeds distributed by the Government, an abuse now grown so great as to seriously affect the legitimate seed trade, and ruins some of those engaged in it, while the miserable quality of seed distributed aggregates a great loss to those who use it. In short, these 3 ct. seeds are first-class commercial strains, though they may not come up to our special selected and high bred strains offered on pages 53 to 80. We offer them in competition with free seeds and box seeds.

ASPARAGUS, Mammoth—A fine large strong growing sort, good for heavy or light soils. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

ARTICHOKE, Globe—This is cultivated for its unopened flower-buds, which are cooked like Asparagus. Oz., 25c.

BEET, Improved Early Blood Turnip—Very fine quality, and an old popular sort. Oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

BEET, Improved Long Smooth Red—Long, handsome roots, of fine quality. A great cropper and a good keeper. Oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

CARROT, Improved Long Orange—A very popular variety for stock feeding. Heavy cropper. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

CABBAGE, All-Seasons—As the name would indicate, good for all seasons—early, medium or late. A sure header and long keeper; quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for market almost as early as the standard early sorts. Oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

CABBAGE, Early Express—Fine quick growing sort, and a favorite everywhere. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.25.

CAULIFLOWER, Autumn Giant—Extra large and fine. Oz., 50c.

CELERY, Boston Market—One of the very best. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

CRESS, Extra Curled—An appetizing relish, of fresh piquant taste, often added to lettuce and other fresh salads for variety. Very easy to grow and can be sown in any little nook or vacant spot. Oz., 5c.; lb., 40c.

CUCUMBER, Green Prolific Pickling—A standard pickling variety, with slender, dark green fruit, very crisp. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

CUCUMBER, Improved Early Russian—One of the most valuable. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, and that in hot, dry weather that crisps nearly every other variety, root and branches. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

EGG PLANT, Improved Spineless—It is of the N. Y. Purple type, but much larger in size, and of the richest glossy purple color. In quality it is unsurpassed. Its stems and leaves are devoid of spines and the plants can be handled without discomfort. Oz., 25c.

GROUND CHERRY—Something like the old Husk Tomato. Easily grown on any light soil and very prolific bearers of tender little fruits, each enclosed in a husk. For pies, sauce and preserves they are much liked, and if left in the husks will keep a long time in a cool, dry room. Oz., 20c.

LETTUCE, Golden Heart—A very handsome large-growing variety of rich golden yellow color. Good quality, grows quickly and is ready to use early. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

LETTUCE, Curled Simpson—A fine sort, still able to hold its own against all new-comers. In every respect this is a first-class sort, and always popular. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

MUSKMELON, Bay View—A very profitable sort to grow, as they will yield 3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre, and these large, handsome ones, of sweet, delicious flavor, popular with both buyer and seller. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

ONION, Yellow Danvers—A fine standard variety. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

ONION, Southport Red Globe—Fine globe-shaped and a good cropper. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.25.

PEPPER, Large Bell—A fine old standard sort, large, bell-shaped. Oz., 15c.; lb., $2.00.

PUMPKIN, Large Cheese—An old standard sort, and a grand variety for large field crop. Oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

RADISH, Early Scarlet Turnip—A fine, quick-growing early Radish, of fine eating qualities. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

SQUASH, Sibley—Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry and rich in flavor. A fine baking variety. Oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

SQUASH, Perfect Gem—This sort is good for summer and winter use. Thin skinned, fine grained and of very pleasant flavor; will keep almost any length of time. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

SWEET CORN, Mammoth—Immense ears of superb quality; very late. Can scarcely be omitted from a first-class garden. Pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

TOMATO, Ignotum—Esteemed as the perfection of a Tomato. Extremely early and a great cropper. Fruits large, smooth, without green spots or cores, and almost entirely free from cracks or rotten spots. Oz., 15c.; lb., $2.

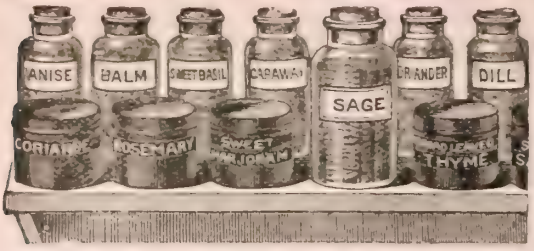
TOMATO, Peach—A distinct, medium sized Tomato, of very peculiar but pleasant flavor. The fruit of this Tomato is about the size and shape of a peach and is of soft, peachy-red color. Oz., 15c.; lb., $2.00.

TURNIP, Early Flat Dutch—Clear, white skin and juicy, crisp flesh. A fine sort for either market or home garden. Oz., 5c.; lb., 45c.

TURNIP, Purple Top Ruta-Baga—Oz., 5c.; lb., 45c.

WATERMELON, Mountain Sweet—A fine old sort, so deliciously sweet and tender that it will almost melt in one's mouth. The best variety for the extreme North, where few Watermelons succeed. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

WATERMELON, Phinney—An early, oval variety, prolific, sweet and crisp. One of the best. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.



Herbs.

Indispensable to the cook, useful in the sick room, and many kinds fine for perfuming clothing, etc.

	Pkt.	Oz.
Anise—For flavoring	5	10
Balm—Very fragrant leaves; medicinal	5	10
Caraway—Seed extensively used for flavoring	5	10
Coriander—Used for flavoring cakes, etc	5	10
Dill—Used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles	5	20
Hoarhound Used for curing coughs and colds	5	10
Lavender Fragrant leaves used to scent clothing	5	40
Sage—Most useful of all; needed in every garden	5	20
Sweet Fennel	5	20
Sweet Majoram—Pot herb	5	15
Tansy—For medicinal use	5	30
Thyme	5	40
Savory, Summer-Fine for flavoring, dressing, etc	5	15
Rosemary—Aromatic and medicinal. Very fragrant; also a moth preventative	10	50
Wormwood—A splendid plant for poultry	5	20

One packet each of the above fifteen fine sorts, 50c.

Floral Park Lawn Grass,

QUICK GROWING.

Not even fine trees and beautiful flowers add as much beauty to the home surroundings as does a fine, velvety lawn. To secure a fine, close, even sward, it is absolutely necessary to use proper grasses. Good, deep, rich color and turfy, compact habit, stooling out well from the bottom, and they must be able to stand the sun as well, and a considerable amount of drought, without injury. We have a mixture of grasses that meets all these requirements. We use it at Floral Park, where it has been much admired. We have sold it in every State and Territory in the United States, and it has given entire satisfaction in every location. It grows quickly, making a fine green sward in a few weeks. A whole season's drought will not kill out this grass. It may dry and burn as brown as possible, yet the first good rain will immediately bring it up green and velvety. 35c. per quart; $2.25 per peck, postpaid; by express, per peck, $1.25; per bushel, $4.00.

Egyptian Winter, or Perpetual Tree Onion.

In this we have an entirely new variety of Onion. It differs from those raised from seeds or sets, from the top Onion, potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks the ground, and grow so rapidly that it is ready for market or home use two or three weeks before any of them. It is usually ready for the table early in May. It is unsurpassed for sweetness and tenderness. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the North. Differs widely from all other forms of top or Potato Onion, and should have a place in every home garden. Pint, 20c.; quart, 30c., postpaid; peck, by express, $1.50.

MAMMOTH SAGE.

Mammoth Sage.

A plant of this new Sage will yield more than a dozen of the common sorts. The leaves are of enormous size and superior quality, and the plant a compact, rank grower, covering a space of more than three feet in diameter, rarely flowers and never runs to seed, and can be picked all the season. It is perfectly hardy in the coldest climate. Every person, who has use for Sage should plant this variety. Fine plants. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

MIXED FLOWER SEEDS, 100 KINDS.

People who wish a great variety of seed at small cost will do well to plant a packet of this seed. It is a mixture of 100 different kinds, all the best sorts, and those which grow and bloom together in wild garden style. It will make a brilliant and attractive bed. Large packet, 10c.; 6 packets, 50c.

NEW AND SUPERB POT BULBS.

While many of these as Begonias, Callas, Crinums and Amaryllis are fine for garden culture, they attain their greatest beauty and splendor when grown in pots in windows, greenhouses or on verandas, or other sheltered locations. Our strains of all are the finest ever seen; there is nothing anywhere to equal our Cyclamens, Begonias, Gloxinias, Caladiums and Amaryllis, while the new bulbous Callas, Rhemanni, Elliottiana and Lemon Calla are marvels of beauty, easily grown and sure bloomers.

Lemon Calla. (Aurata.)

New Bulbous Callas.

(See colored sketch on cover.)

A few years ago we had only one so called Bulbous Calla,(common Spotted). Now there are several, and they are truly marvels of beauty. Do not confound these superb sorts with worthless Arums, which have been extensively sold as red, pink, green and yellow Callas. These now offered are all genuine Callas, with large, magnificent blossoms, and will grow and bloom freely in pots like the common white Calla. They are all fine for garden culture also, treated like a summer flowering bulb, but we think they are better when grown in pots. Note our low price for that grandest of all new Callas, Rhemanni, both for large flowering Bulbs and Seed.

Rhemanni—(*Pink*)—This magnificent new Calla has a large flower of a rich, deep shade of pink that is perfectly exquisite. A strong, easy grower, and a free bloomer. It is still the most sensational floral novelty in Europe, and one of the grandest flowering plants we have ever seen. Having grown an enormous stock, we can offer it at a very low price. Do not miss it. Fine flowering bulbs, 25c. each, 5 for $1,00. Seed which will bloom second season, 10c. per pkt.

Elliottiana—(*Giant Yellow*)—This is the great new Yellow Calla of marvelous beauty. Flowers very large and of the brightest golden yellow. Leaves beautifully spotted with white. Sold recently at $5,00 each. Its great size of bloom, brilliant yellow color, and glorious, large spotted leaves, makes this a plant of unusual beauty and novelty. Strong flowering bulbs, 75c. each.

Aurata—(*Lemon Calla*)—New and fine, the flowers being a beautiful, light lemon yellow, with a jet black center, therefore very conspicuous and showy. Its foliage is large and handsome, deep green, freely spotted white. Makes a most superb pot plant. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Hastata—(*Yellow Calla*)—The bulbs are strong and send up numerous flowers, which are bright golden yellow with black center. The color is one of the most beautiful shades of yellow seen among flowers, and the jet black center lends to the blossoms a peculiar charm. Bulbs are very scarce, and a year or two ago sold at $1.50 each. This is the true large flowering golden yellow variety, with deep green, unspotted leaves. Fine flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 6 for $1,00.

Spotted Calla—The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green with spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. The flowers are pure white, with black center. Fine for open ground culture treated like Gladiolus or for pots. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; $10.00 per 100.

One fine bulb each of the 5 sorts for $1.50.

New Outdoor Begonia,

DOUBLE BEDDER.

A new Tuberous-Rooted Begonia which may be grown as easily in the open ground as a Dahlia, and which produces all summer long great masses of intensely brilliant scarlet blossoms. Large and perfectly double, with now and then a single one appearing. It is a very brilliant and beautiful plant. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

CALLA ETHIOPICA.

BEAUTIFUL NEW VARIETIES.

These are improved varieties of the common Calla, so long a universal favorite as a pot plant. Fragrans and Little Gem were introduced some years ago, but Praecox was first offered last year, (seed only), while the magnificent Childsiana and Gigantea are now offered for the first time. They are all superb and great improvements over the old common Calla.

Dwarf Everblooming Calla—This is of dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety but is strong and compact, with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground, and being potted in September will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will produce as many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers, and its dwarf habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color, with a sweet, fragrance all its own, but similar to the fragrance of Violets or Lilies. Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Calla Little Gem—A perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high, and producing perpetually large, snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four-inch pot. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Praecox—A new European Calla, which has created a sensation on account of its dwarf, compact habit, and profusion of large blossoms; also on account of its being so easily grown from seed. It produces as many as a dozen flowers at once, which are of great size and snowy whiteness. It is easily raised from seed, the plants flowering in a few months after sowing. In this respect it is, indeed, a marvel. Next to Little Gem it is the dwarfest of all Callas. We advise growing it from seed, it is so easy to grow, and blooms so quickly. Fresh, true seed, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., for 50c. Strong plants, 25c. each.

CALLA CHILDSIANA.

Calla Childsiana—The latest floral sensation of Holland, where this wonderful new Calla was originated and named. Dwarf and compact, with extra large blossoms which are borne in a profusion never before seen; as many as a dozen flowers are to be seen on one plant at a time, and nearly all of the time. These flowers are of tremendous size, beautiful shape and the most snowy whiteness. Foliage healthy and vigorous, and more nearly heart-shaped than any other Calla. It is a long way in advance of all other Callas. Strong blooming plants, 60c. each: 2 for $1.00. Smaller plants, 30c. each: 2 for 50c.

Gigantea—A new Calla which is of gigantic proportions. Leaves two feet long and flowers a foot in length. Needs a very large pot, and a little time to attain full perfection. We have had single plants showing 10 of their gigantic blossoms at once. Very limited supply. $5.00 each.

Callas from Seed.

The new and profuse Calla Praecox, as offered above, is easily grown from seed, flowering in 8 months. 20c. per pkt.

The Pink Calla, Rhemanni, offered on page 85, grows freely from seed, and blooms the second year. 10c. per pkt.

Amaryllis.

A royal family of bulbs, with large umbels of magnificent Lily-like flowers of largest size and richest coloring.

Burbank's Giant Hybrids—We are fortunate in having been able to secure from Mr. Luther Burbank of California, the first opportunity to introduce to the world his new hybrid Amaryllis, which is among the crowning glories of his life-work. Some twenty or thirty distinct varieties have been set aside for naming and are being propagated as fast as possible, but it will be a few years yet before there is sufficient stock of each to name and introduce. The bulbs offered at this time are a choice selection of mixed hybrids nearly as fine as the named ones to come later, many of them differing only in slight shades of color or variegation, and ranging in color from almost pure white to deep, dark crimson, with all intermediate shades, as well as stripes, variegations, and blended forms without limit. This new race of Amaryllis produces a bulb of enormous size and strength which throws up broad, healthy foliage, and stout flower scapes, each producing blossoms of truly gigantic size. The flowers are often a foot or more across, larger than the Auratum Lily, and with colors which for purity and intensity are truly marvels. Mr. Burbank has spent many years in hybridizing and perfecting this strain, during which time they have been seen by horticultural experts from all over the world, and their great superiority over all other Amaryllis acknowledged.

Price—Enormous bulbs, $1.10 each, 3 for $3.00.

Seed—Burbank's Choicest Hybridization, 25c. per pkt. Seed germinates easily and makes fine large bulbs in two years.

OTHER AMARYLLIS.

	Each.
Reglna—Wide-open, soft scarlet, white center	.15
Psittacinum—Broad, well-opened flowers of great substance. Red, with white and green stripes	2 00
Solandriaeflora—Magnificent large perfect blossoms, of many fine colors, variegated	1.00
Johnsonii—Flowers very beautiful, deep red, striped white	.50
Vittata—Improved hybrids, 3 for 60c	.25

Crinums.

Stately plants with bulbs of enormous size and strength which produce large blossoms in immense clusters with most delicate colors and superb fragrance. Fine for pots or garden.

Ornatum—Very rare and supremely beautiful. Flowers of immense size, almost as large as an Auratum Lily. Color, pure white, with a deep band of brightest, richest crimson through center of each petal. Orchids only can equal this flower in supreme beauty and contrast of coloring. Flowers very fragrant and borne in great clusters. Strong bulbs, 75c. each.

Moorei—Flowers borne in fine, large clusters, and are exceedingly beautiful and fragrant. Color a most delicate, yet bright and beautiful pink. It possesses a degree of loveliness which cannot be described. Fine bulbs, 75c. ea.

Kirki—This produces a large, round bulb, which grows to weigh as much as ten pounds. It is of the easiest culture, and sure to succeed with everyone. Its flowers are large, and like a most beautiful Lily, borne in immense clusters at the top of the stout scapes. Color, soft, delicate blush, with a scarlet bar through the center of each petal, and very sweet scented. 30c. each.

One each of the 3 for $1.50.

Chlidanthus Fragrans.

The blooming of this new bulb with us last season was a revelation of beauty. It is much like an Amaryllis, with a strong bulb, which starts growth and bloom as soon as potted. The flowers are borne in clusters of 4 to 6 and are in color the brightest golden yellow, and such fragrance! Strong and delicious, without being in any way rank or offensive, as is the case with many highly scented flowers. Two or three spikes of these exquisite, large, yellow blossoms are produced at each blooming period. Pot the bulbs at any time, winter or spring, and they will soon be in bloom. A truly magnificent thing, and equally good for pot or garden culture. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c

Jacobean Lily.

(*Am. Formosissima.*)

There is hardly a flower which has such deep, rich, velvety crimson color, a color so intensely brilliant as this. It is a free bloomer and succeeds well either in pots or in the open ground, and blooms very soon after planting. Few flowers can equal it in richness and beauty of color, and it blooms very profusely year after year. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Gloxinia Tubiflora.

This is far different from ordinary Gloxinias, being a plant of erect branching habit, which is propagated by cuttings, but producing a strong bulb or tuber. Flower stems rise to the height of 2 feet, each bearing several large pure white blossoms 4 inches in length, and of a peculiar and fascinating fragrance. It is a hardy and easily grown pot plant, good for any situation, blooming freely, and always attracting great attention by its oddity, novelty and remarkable beauty. It is also a fine garden flower treated like any summer flowering bulb, but is seen at its best as a pot plant. A very novel and a truly superb flower. Strong tubers, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Cyclamen Persicum Giganteum Grandiflorum.

CHILDS' IMPROVED LARGE-FLOWERING,— FINEST CYCLAMEN GROWN.

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen, especially for winter blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be, considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades prevailing. Often the flowers will be spotted and marked, or in other ways showing two distinct colors.

The foliage is also very beautiful, being variegated with different shades of green, and helps to show off the flowers which rise above it, to a remarkable degree. In fact, a plant in bloom always looks like a tastily arranged vase of flowers and foliage. After blooming all winter bulbs should be allowed to rest over summer in a dry state like Callas.

We offer only this strain of Cyclamen, it being the largest and finest flowered in the world.

Giant White—Pure white, enormous size.
Giant Carmine—Very bright.
Giant Pink—Exquisite shade.
Giant Crimson-Black—Very dark and rich.
Giant White Crimson Eye.

Bulbs, 30c. each, the 5 for $1.25.

Giant Mixed—All colors, tints and shades, some being freely spotted. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

CYCLAMEN SEED.

Fine seed saved from our favorite strain as offered above. Seedlings grow freely and bloom in 8 to 10 months.

Giant White,
" Carmine,
" White Crimson Eye,
Giant Pink,
" Crimson-Black,
" Mixed, 10 Colors.

20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c.; the 6 for 85c.

Childs' New Tuberous-Rooted Begonias.

The fashionable plant of the day, and richly does it deserve its honor, for in addition to very handsome foliage it bears a never ending profusion of the most ravishingly beautiful flowers the whole summer, and then, with the coming of cold weather, very obligingly takes a nap until spring, asking no further care through the winter than to be packed in soil away from frost. This trait will be appreciated by the many people who have no spare windows to carry over tender bedding plants yet dislike to be at the expense of buying a new lot each spring. This great plant is a rival to the Gloxinias as a summer window conservatory plant, and as strong a rival to the Geranium and Verbena, as an outdoor bedding plant. The enormous size and intense brilliancy of the flowers astonish those who have never seen any but the ordinary house Begonia. The bulbs can be started from March to June and will soon be in full bloom. Give partial shade out of doors, and protect from severe winds if possible. Our strain of both double and single is a very superior one, many of the flowers measuring 4 to 5 inches across.

Fine Mixed—A splendid strain of the large single type. 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.

Childs' Giant Flowered—A grand strain of immense size, (5 inches) and a large and varied assortment of brilliant colors, the finest we have ever seen. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.

Cristata Mixed—New crested or bearded strain of great beauty. We have it in many different colors. All colors mixed. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.50.

Giant Crispa—Enormous blossoms, with elegant fringed edges. One of the grandest yet seen, and an entirely new departure. 20 colors mixed. 15c. ea.; 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.

Giant Crispa, White—Pure snow white.
" " **Scarlet**—Intense and brilliant.
" " **Yellow**—Fine golden shades.
" " **Crimson Black**—Very dark, rich and velvety.

Above 4 sorts, 20c. each; $1.50 per doz. One of each for 60c.

Double Tuberous Begonias.

Our strain of these is grand. All new types, finest colors, largest and most perfect blossoms. Double Tuberous Begonias are perfectly exquisite.

Fine Mixed—A fine strain. 3 for 20c.; 12 for 70c.

Giant Fimbriated—Our new strain of gigantic double blossoms, all finely frilled and fimbriated. 20 grand colors mixed. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.75.

Choicest Begonia Seed.

With good care seedlings bloom in from five to eight months' time. Our seed is extra large, hand Hybridized and saved only from the most magnificent flowers. Per pkt.

Tuberous-Rooted Childs Giant Flowered Single Mixed .15
" " " " **Cristata** " " .20
" " " " **Crispa** " " .20
" " " " **Dbl. Fimbriated** " .25

Childs' Giant Gloxinia.

The grandest of all summer-blooming bulbs for decoration of the window, veranda or conservatory in summer. Everyone is spellbound at their regal beauty. They are no trouble at all to grow, and bloom constantly until autumn, when they should be allowed to die down, and the pots kept dry in some warm place until next spring, when the bulbs can be started into growth again. Our new Gloxinias are great improvements over the older sorts, with large, luxuriant leaves that recurve in such a manner as to conceal the pot they grow in, and erect, large-throated, wide-lobed flowers borne above the foliage like a floral crown. These flowers are very large and satin-like and of the most exquisite coloring, soft, clear or brilliant, sometimes self-colored, but more often tinted, spotted or edged with contrasting colors, but always rich and beautiful,

Childs' Giant, Mixed Colors—Originated by us, and is a flower of most extraordinary size and widely open. In shape it is perfect, many of the petals being beautifully frilled and fimbriated. Colors rich and veined, some of the combinations being unique and beautiful beyond description. Plants vigorous, with enormous leaves, and often as many as 40 or 50 of these gigantic flowers showing at one time on a plant. 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.

Gloxinia Novelties.

The following grand varieties were leading Gloxinia novelties last year. Seed and Bulbs we offer are our own growing, and extra fine and true.

Goliath—Enormous size, opening flat and wide. Outside pearly white, inside ultramarine blue with wide white border, dark, rich and velvety. A grand flower.
Leopard—Light delicate pink, thickly spotted scarlet.
Snow Queen—The largest and finest of all pure white sorts. A flower of the gods. Vigorous, and great bloomer.
Scarlet Queen—Large, wide-open flowers of a dark, deep, rich crimson-scarlet. Brightest colored sorts.
Othello—Deep, rich purple-pink. Magnificent; darkest color yet seen in Gloxinia.
Tricolor Spotted—Various colors, all beautifully tinged and spotted. Exceedingly handsome.
Venosa—Various colors, all charmingly veined, and many also spotted.
Cyclope—Bright crimson, throat thickly spotted purple, whole flower surrounded by a broad band of pure white.

Above new sorts 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 8 for $1.10, or $1.50 per doz.

Gloxinia Seed.

Gloxinias grow well from seed, and, if given good care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing of seed, giving large and beautiful blossoms. Our seed is extra choice.

Fine Mixed—From a good collection. Pkt., 10c.
Childs' Giant Mixed—The largest and finest of all strains of Gloxinia. Blooms in a short time from seed. Pkt., 20c.

Goliath.
Leopard.
Snow Queen.
Scarlet Queen.
Othello.
Tricolor Spotted.
Venosa.
Cyclope.

Above 8 grand named kinds, 15c. per pkt. The 8 pkts. for 75c.

Fancy Caladiums.

Easy to grow in summer, either in beds or pots. For piazza or summer conservatory decoration they are unrivaled. Their beautifully shaped and glossy foliage is elegantly variegated in the most telling manner. One, perhaps, is regularly dotted with round raised spots of white, another is ribbed and veined with pink or scarlet, or yellow, while still another is flashed and marbled with white or marked with delicate and vivid colors as to make them as showy as great and peculiar flowers. The small early leaves do not always show all the fine colors of the large ones which come later. Our collection is superb, comprising over 80 named kinds of which the following are the best.

Bejiflora—Lovely large leaf of shining light pink with dark rose, and light green blotches.

Baron de Mammore—Large leaf, ground color white heavily interlined with light green, crimson and pink stripes. Center dark crimson. Ribs scarlet. One of the best.

Candidum—Large, heart-shaped leaf, color satin white with green spots, and dark green ribs. One of the best.

Princess Alexander—Ground color of leaf delicate pink, the mid-rid and veins being dark olive-green.

D. C. de Meruda—Lovely leaf, white tinged yellow and green, spotted crimson.

Curupa—Light green with large carmine center; white ribs.

Bebevibe—Light green, interspersed with white spots. Center beautiful soft, transparent pink. Ribs deep pink.

Don Pedro—Large, yellowish green leaf with white center and pink ribs, the whole surface heavily splashed with light rose-colored spots.

Bendigo—A most beautiful leaf of large size. Color a soft pink with dark green splashes. Ribs dark green.

Cacapoca—Yellowish leaf with carmine ribs, which color extends from the ribs towards the zone, gradually disappearing as it approaches the border of the leaf.

Itapoca—Very large leaf of dark crimson color, over which is spread a metallic lustre. A narrow border of dark green.

Lynchomatum—Dark rose center with green border, which is freely mottled carmine.

Price 20c. each; 3 for 50c; the 12 for $2,00.

GRAND NEW SEEDLINGS.

The following grand Fancy Caladiums are our own seedlings and we believe they are the most magnificent sorts in cultivation. They must be seen to be appreciated.

Truce—Large leaf almost pure white, red splash at heel.

Lydia Oakley—White tinted yellow, heavily ribbed dark crimson. Very showy.

Ivory—Very large, ivory white.

Adolf Jaenicke—Ivory white, with purplish pink mottlings all over leaf, and a stitch hemmed like border.

White Flag—Immense leaf, pure white with transparent, blue-tinted blotches.

Torch Light—Fine light red bordered with bottle-green, veined with deep crimson.

Elaborate—Bright red, veined crimson. Large, wide mottled border of yellow tinted white. Extra fine.

Fascination—Pink, freely veined with deep crimson, dark-green mottled edge. Perfectly grand.

Exquisite—Blush white, tinged pink. Reverse green, heavily ribbed dark crimson.

Emerald—Green, heavily blotched and ribbed crimson.

H. R. Taylor—Center white, shading off to light green, with a deep green border. Ribs delicate pink, leaf beautifully cup-shaped.

30c. each, the 11 for $3,00.

MIXED SEEDLINGS.

We grow thousands of Seedling Fancy Caladiums, and from these have made a careful selection of the most odd, beautiful and brightest-colored sorts which we here offer as an extra fine lot of mixed seedlings. Many of them are equal in beauty to the above named sorts, and among them one will get the greatest variety of blended colors. Price for fine bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 15 for $1,50.

FANCY CALADIUM SEED.

Fancy Caladiums flower and seed only in June. The seed ripens in a week or two from the time the plant blooms and is usually gathered and sown at once, as it will not hold its vitality for more than two or three months. We can offer seed at 20c. per packet; 3 pkts. for 50c., to be sent out in June or early in July as soon as the crop ripens, and it should be sown at once.

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

The word Bulb sends a thrill to the heart of every lover of flowers whenever it is heard. No other word in horticulture seems to indicate so much or raise in one's mind such vivid pictures of grace, brilliancy and delicate beauty. In our mind we see long spikes of Gladiolus of brilliant, fascinating and varied colors; great flaming Amaryllis of indescribable beauty; Gloxinias, spotted, marked and colored most exquisitely; great spikes of waxy Tuberoses of wonderful purity and fragrance; lovely, graceful, charming Zephyranthes and Mexican Gems; exquisite Dahlias and fantastic Tigridias.

Bulbs are favorites with all, and they are planted by many who will not grow any other class of flowers. They are so easily grown and so satisfactory to everyone that they are invaluable. Summer-flowering Bulbs require no skill and very little attention to grow them to perfection. Plant them in the garden in spring, after severe freezing is passed, and they will soon be up and will flourish and bloom all summer. In Autumn, after early freezing, the Bulbs should be lifted and stored in a cellar or some other position away from frost, for planting again the following spring. We are headquarters for Summer-flowering Bulbs, and grow and sell more of them than any other two houses in the world.

The Gladiolus.

The Gladiolus is our leading specialty, and our collection is the largest and finest in the world—in fact, we supply most of the bulbs which the world uses. We grow about one hundred acres of them and upwards of 15,000,000 flowering bulbs. Gladiolus being our leading specialty, are here offered at less than one-half the usual price. Our Childsi's and Lemoinei's are simply grand. Do not miss them.

The Gladiolus is the most satisfactory, the most desirable and the most popular of all garden bulbs. Nothing else of the kind costs so little, and nothing else grows and blooms so readily for anybody and everybody, in any soil or climate. It is, in short, the most satisfactory garden flower, thriving and blooming, as it does, with the least care and attention, and makes a display which for brilliancy and beauty of coloring few bulbs can equal and none surpass. The Gladiolus is to the flower garden what bread is to man, "The staff of life." Our collection is so large that many of the finest and highest priced sorts of European Catalogues can be supplied by us by the ten thousands, and we offer them at very low prices. Not only do we grow the finest varieties of Gandavensis by the million, but also Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrids. But the finest of all Gladiolus is the new strain, Childsi. This novelty is of such sterling worth that it deserves more than special attention.

CULTURE.—Gladiolus are of the simplest culture. Plant at any time from April to July, in any fairly good soil, well spaded. Set in rows three inches apart, or in masses, six inches apart each way. Plant in full sun, if possible, and keep down weeds. They bloom from July to October. After fall frosts, lift the bulbs, and, after removing the tops, let them dry for two or three weeks in any airy position, under cover. Then, after removing the roots, store them in a cellar, or any cool, dry place, away from frost for planting again the following spring.

The Mayflower for Feb. 1904, will contain a complete treatise on the Gladiolus, descriptions of all known species, and full cultural directions. 5c. per copy.

Gladiolus Seed.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of color and beauty of bloom in seedlings is very great. One never sees two seedlings alike. Sow seed in light, sandy soil in the open ground, about corn planting time, and shade until they germinate. Might be started earlier in hot-beds, if desired. Seedlings generally bloom the second summer.

Hybrids, Mixed, All Colors—Very fine. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Lemoinei Hybrids, Mixed—Sometimes blooms the first summer, and always the second. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Childsi, Mixed Colors—Finest of all. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.

One pkt. each of Hybrid, Lemoinei and Childsi for 25c.

Mixed Gladiolus.

Our mixed Gladiolus are not the poor, dull colors, old discarded red sorts and worthless seedlings usually sent out as Mixtures. On the contrary, they are made up from splendid named sorts, brightest and more varied colors, white, yellow, pink, rose, blush, intense scarlet, carmine, violet, striped, blotched, variegated, etc. All old, common and poor sorts have been discarded, and this mixture is of the highest grade.

Mixed, All Colors, First Size—Extra large flowering bulbs. Per dozen, 30c; per 100, $2.25; per 1,000, $20.00, by mail.

Mixed, All Colors, Second Size—These are all fine blooming, young, vigorous bulbs. Per dozen, 15c.; per 100, $1,00; per 1,000, $8.00, by mail.

Mixed, White and Light Varieties Only—First size, 30c. per dozen; $2.25 per 100.

Mixed, Scarlet Varieties Only—25c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

Mixed Pink Varieties Only—25c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

Mixed Childsi Gladiolus.

All Colors and Varieties.

First Size—Extra large. 40c. per doz.; $3.00 per 100.

Second Size—Good flowering bulbs. 25c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100.

Blue Hybrid Gladiolus.

A new strain, a large per cent of the flowers of which are of various shades of blue. The other colors are equally odd, some of the variegations being extremely handsome, and unlike any other sorts. They are perfectly fascinating. Fine bulbs, mixed shades, $1.00 per dozen.

Groff's Hybrid Gladiolus.

This is a mixture and Hybrids of all sorts, Gandavensis, Lemoinei and Childsi, giving in one bed the greatest range of colors and variation. 30c. per dozen; $2.50 per 100.

Large Gladiolus Bulbs.

EXTRA LOW PRICES BY EXPRESS.

No flower so adorns the garden or lawn as does the Gladiolus, and none are more easily grown or so fine for decorating churches, rooms, dining tables, halls, stores, offices, etc. That our customers can afford to plant them extensively we offer

Large Flowering Bulbs, Mixed—Choicest varieties, largest flowers, and finest colors, by express, 100 for $1.50; 300 for $4.00; per 1000, $12.00.

Choicest Named Gladiolus.

5-CENT CLASS.

Price of the following 20 sorts, 5c. each; 5 for 15c.; or more at 3c. each. 25c. per dozen. One each of the 20 sorts for 50c.

AUGUSTA—Lovely pure white, with blue anthers.
BRENCHLEYENSIS—Vermillion-scarlet; fine old variety.
CERES—Pure white, spotted with purplish rose.
Corsaire—Dark and velvety scarlet.
DOCTOR HOGG—Mauve, suffused with rose; centre white.
EMMA THURSBY—White; stripes and blotches.
GEN. PHIL. SHERIDAN—Fiery red; large, white blotch.
GEN. SHERMAN—Large fine scarlet.
Glory of Brightwood—Scarlet, with lemon throat.
ISAAC BUCHANAN—Very fine yellow.
JOHN BULL—White, slightly tinted with sulphur.
LAMARCK—Cherry, tinted orange-red.
LE POUSSIN—Light red, white blotch.
MADAME MONNERET—Delicate rose.
MAY—Lovely pure white, finely flaked rosy crimson.
MRS. E. H KRELAGE—Fiery red; white blotch.
NAPOLEON III—Bright scarlet; white throat.
OCTOROON—A beautiful salmon-pink; very distinct.
REINE BLANCHE—Pure white; dark carmine blotches.
SYLPHIDE—Pure white, flamed carmine.

10-CENT CLASS.

Price of these 60 sorts, 10c. each; any 3 for 20c.; or 60c. per dozen. One each of the 60 sorts for $5.50.

ADDISON—Dark amaranth, with white stripe.
AJAX—Beautiful striped.
AMALTHEE—Pure white with violet-blotch; ground of the corolla velvety violet.
AFRICAIN—Darkest crimson black; with a pure white blotch in the throat.
Amitie—Large spike of large, fleshy rose-colored flowers, shaded with straw-color.
ANCELE—White, showy and effective.
Archduchess Marie Christine—White, slightly tinged with lilac, flamed rosy carmine.
CAMELEON—Compact truss of large slaty lilac flowers, flamed orange, white bands.
Calypso—Flesh-colored rose, streaked and blotched.
Carnation—Fleshy white, profusely tinged at the edges with the richest carmine.
CANARY BIRD—Finest yellow.
Charmont—Lilac, shaded with purple.
CHAMPS DE MARS—Solferino, distinct white blotch, bordered carmine.
Chrysolora—Golden yellow, pure and distinct.
Conquete—Large and fine flower of bright cherry-red, with a conspicuous pure white blotch.
Countess Craven—Rose, flaked carmine.
Daphnis—Fine rosy salmon, blotched white.
Delicatissime—White, suffused with soft, carmine-lilac, the pure white lower petals edged lilac.
DIAMANT—Fleshy white, of a remarkable freshness; throat ivory-white, blotched and streaked carmine.
Elizabeth—Dark rose, flamed bright carmine-purple.
EUGENE SCRIBE—Perfect tender rose, blazed carmine-red.
FATMA—Large flowers of ivory-white ground, profusely striped and suffused with bright rosy salmon.
FEU FOLLET—Well opened flowers, with ivory-white throat, richly tinted and striped with carmine.
Formosa—Rose, white center, extra fine.
GRAND ROUGE—Enormous spike, and flowers of the most perfect shape and intense scarlet.
Hesperide—Profusely blotched and flaked bright rosy salmon on a pure white ground.
Horace Vernet—Large purple-red with white blotch.
La Favorite—Rose, flamed carmine; lower petals yellow.
La France—Pure white flowers; slightly flamed with carmine towards the edges.
Latone—Tall and very compact spikes; fine flowers of a delicate rose with creamy white blotch.
Leander—Large flower of lilac color, beautifully shading off to carmine; distinct white band.
LACROSS—Fine spike; orange-scarlet, flaked maroon.
LORD BURLEIGH—Watermelon-red; light throat.
Mahdi—Large, deep, reddish-black.
Madame Leseble—Pure white; large rose blotch.
Mazzeppa—Fine orange. Good perfect flower.
Mr. Bains—A distinct color, a clear, light red; self color.
MR. KRELAGE—Terra cotta red, flamed with smoke color.
Noemi—Light rose lilac.
Pactole—Beautiful yellow, slightly tinged with rose at the edges; blotch of dark shade.
Papplion—Yellow ground, conspicuously flaked and bordered with carmine.
Penelope—Blush-white; lower petals tinted yellow.
Pres. Lincoln—Violet-blush, streaked darker.
Pepita—Bright golden yellow flowers, slightly striped.

Pyramide—Perfect spikes, broader at the lower parts than at the top, large, well expanded orange-rose.
Phebus—Brilliant red; large pure white blotch.
Pheroan—Large cherry-red flowers, streaked and edged with violet; center band of petals white.
Princess of Wales—White, flamed with carmine-rose; deep carmine black.
Poserpine—Rosy white.
Pygmalion—Cherry-red, slightly flamed with a darker shade; pure white blotch, feathered violet.
REVEREND BERKELEY—Light rose and tinged with violet-carmine, feathered white blotch.
Richard Cœur de Lion—Bright crimson-red flamed and edged with garnet; lower petals spotted and blotched yellow.
Robert Fortune—Orange-lake, shading off to purple-crimson; veined white.
Stanley—Rosy-salmon, flamed all over with the deepest rose color; small, rosy yellow blotch.
Sunset—Lovely pink, blotched and flamed darker.
Sultana—Bright satin-rose flamed with carmine; purple-carmine blotch.
Talma—Rosy carmine flowers flamed with bright carmine, and striped scarlet and pale violet.
Teresita—Under petals of pure white, suffused with rose, and striped carmine at the edges.
Thalia—White, flamed and streaked with carmine.
Van Spandonk—Fiery red; splendid.

20-CENT CLASS.

Price of the following 15 *sorts*, 20c. *each*; *any* 3 *for* 50c.; *or* $1.50 *per dozen*. *One each of the* 15 *sorts for* $2.25.

AURORE—Bright salmon-rose, striped orange, carmine and lilac; blotched cherry-rose, streaked violet.
Blondine—Tall, compact spike of large, straw-colored flowers, slightly streaked at the edges with rosy lilac.
FLAMBOYANT—Large flowers of fiery scarlet.
Cloire de Fontainbleu—Large flowers of bright rosy carmine, striped red at the edges, white band.
Culliver—Large, bright carmine flowers with conspicuous white bands in the middle of each petal; yellow blotch.
Laura—Light orange-red, tinged with carmine.
Magnificus—Flowers round and open; cinnabar-red; fine white blotch; edged with violet.
Marie Berger—Rosy, lilac, blotched and striped with red, shaded into yellowish-rose towards the center.
Merveille—Fine cherry-rose, slightly tinged with violet; edged and flamed with dark carmine.
Navajo Chief—Fine spike; clear rose, with carmine throat.
Queen of the Fairies—Fine light sulphur-yellow.
Red Cloud—Salmon-pink, flamed with carmine.

SNOW WHITE.

SNOW WHITE—All that need be said about this grand novelty is, that it is absolutely pure *snow-white*, the only pure white Gladiolus in existence. It also has large, well open flowers and enormous spike of the most beautiful shape.
Sunshine—Tall spike with 20 or more flowers. Very fine yellow.
SHAKESPEARE—White, very slightly suffused with carmine-rose; large rosy blotch.

New Early Gladiolus.

Very early bloomers, splendid alike for pots or the garden.

Easter Gladiolus—This variety is so early flowering, and so well adapted to pot culture that it is a most available and beautiful flower for Easter. Pot bulbs about January first and 3 may be planted in a 5-inch pot. They will soon be up and growing and about Easter will show magnificent spikes of bloom. Color pure white with lemon tinge, and a large bright crimson center. Wonderfully showy and easily grown.

Florida—A very dark red Gladiolus, with splendid large blossoms of the Childsi type. Fully as early as the Easter Gladiolus, and makes a fine contrast with it on account of its deep, dark, rich color.

15c. each; the 2 for 25c.; or $1.00 per dozen.

New Gladiolus Gandavensis for 1904.

These are of our own raising and are very fine. They were first named and introduced last year.

Contrast—Flowers of great substance and a beautiful compact spike of perfect form. Color, intense scarlet with a large, distinct, pure white center which is neither tinted or mottled. One of the most striking and beautiful Gladiolus ever introduced.

Sulphur King—Beautiful, clear, sulphur-yellow, finest and clearest of yellow sorts.

Lemon Drop—Light lemon with bright yellow throat. Finely tinted with crimson.

Salmonia—Good spike of flowers which are composed of varying shades of salmon-yellow.

Ella—Blush-pink, flaked slaty-blue. Very odd and pretty.

Brilliancy—Intense ruby scarlet. A rich and brilliant color.

Harmonia—Bright purple shaded crimson, and veined white, with a large snow-white center; very showy.

Edna—White and pink, freely striped, mottled and blotched.

Price 30c. each; the 8 for $2.00.

G. Childsi Novelties for 1904.

The following grand Gladiolus Childsi were new last year.

Imperial Pink—A tall, rank grower with a spike two to three feet in length and a flower of the very largest size; in this respect equaling or excelling Daisy Leland. Color, light salmon-pink, penciled with a deeper shade. In flower and spike this is one of the very largest and finest.

Prince of India—A seedling from Ben Hur. The color varies from light to deep smoky-gray, many of the petals being zoned and banded; and freely penciled with dark slaty-blue with a flaming crimson throat which is profusely mottled with white. A most remarkable mixture of colors and one of great oddity and beauty.

Marion—Pure white with slight rose tinge and a distinctly yellow shaded throat with crimson bars.

Los Angeles—Pure white, freely marked, penciled and blotched with bright rosy-crimson. Exceedingly fine.

Lydia—A fantastic marking of pinkish white and deep rich crimson, in some flowers the white predominating and in others the crimson, no two spikes being exactly alike.

F. L. Oakley—Bright salmon tinged scarlet, with a pure white center. Very fine and showy variety.

Leonard Joerg—A compact spike of finely shaped flowers, rich crimson and white mottled, with a yellow throat.

Denver—Large, white tinged flower, freely marked and shaded with violet-rose.

Superb—Enormous flower and spike, one of the very largest; pink, flaked and striped with salmon pink and blush.

Cardinal—Perfect flower and spike, very large, and the brightest, cleanest and most intense cardinal scarlet yet seen. Very rich and showy, and by all odds the very finest light-colored sort yet seen.

Adolf Jaenicke—Extra large, beautiful blush pink with bright violet and purple mottled center. Very delicately and beautifully colored.

Melrose—White flaked pink, bright crimson center.

Freak—Flowers without stamens or anthers and often quite double. Rich maroon red, shaded slaty-blue.

30c. each; any 4 for $1.00; the 13 for $3.00.

Gladiolus Childsi.

Tall and erect, often standing four or five feet high, with spikes of bloom over two feet in length. They branch freely, in most cases each stem producing three or four spikes of bloom, and bloom much earlier than ordinary varieties. The flowers are of great substance and gigantic size, frequently seven to nine inches across. The form of both flower and spike is perfection itself, and they last in bloom a long time before fading, owing to their great substance and vigor, but the most remarkable feature is the coloring. Orchids cannot surpass them in their varied and delicate shades, markings and blendings. Every color known among Gladiolus is represented, and many never before seen, particularly blues, smoky grays and purple-blacks, all having beautiful mottled and spotted throats, made up of white, crimson, pink, yellow, etc. They far outrank all other Gladiolus in size of spike, size of bloom, vigor, varied and magnificent coloring and freedom of bloom. Each

Aurea Superba—Flowers and spikes large. Soft orange-scarlet, distinct white blotches and mottling..... 10

Allerton Bright rosy red, blotched..... 10

Adolph Close—Large spreading flower of a slaty blue color, with large crimson and white throat..... 10

A. H. Coldsmith—Large flower of great substance. Color pink, mottled and striped with dark crimson. White throat..... 10

Africa—Dark amaranth, shaded black, with large green-tinted white center. Very distinct..... 5

Admiral Dewey—Enormous, beautiful silvery pink, with velvety crimson markings..... 20

Ben Hur—Light salmon-rose, tinted, flaked and mottled with blue. Throat beautifully mottled and spotted.. 20

Bessie Tanner—Very large, beautiful soft rose color, with pure white throat. Exquisite..... 20

Brilliant—Beautiful orange-red, with carmine and white throat. Superior to all other scarlets..... 10

Burlington—Bright pink, tinged orange-scarlet..... 10

Bowdoin—Very large flower, light orange-scarlet, with large, pure white throat. Very exquisite..... 10

Beverly—Large, light red. Clouded and shaded blue.... 10

Blue Perfection—The best variety yet produced. Flowers clear, dark, slate-blue, with a distinct scarlet stripe in lower petals..... 50

Blanche—Large flowers, pure snow white, with but faint marks. Best white..... 25

Boston—Flaming orange-scarlet, with white throat..... 5

Buffalo—A fine mottling of different shades of red..... 10

Capt. C. B. Tanner—Extra large and fine. Brilliant crimson and white freely mottled and intermixed.... 20

Columbia—Light orange-scarlet, freely blotched and penciled with bluish-purple. Throat freely mottled. 5

Cincinnati—Large pink, flaked bright orange; rich velvety amaranth throat..... 10

Dr. Sellew—Large spike and very large flower, of great substance. Deep, rich rosy crimson, slightly penciled darker. Center of petals rayed white..... 5

Dr. Parkhurst—A spike nearly three feet in length and bearing upwards of 25 flowers. Dark, brilliant red, with an elegantly white mottled throat..... 10

Daisy Leland—Enormous spike and flower. Easily the largest flower produced by any Gladiolus. Bright rosy pink of exquisite loveliness..... 25

Deborah Dark red, tinged with amaranth. Very large pure white throat, with band through petals..... 5

Dexter—Orange-red, with gray and carmine throat..... 20

Duchess—Strong luxuriant grower, with immense spikes 2 feet in length, color peculiar mottling of light and dark salmon reds, with mottled throat..... 20

Edith—Light soft rose, striped crimson, yellow throat.. 20

Eva—Beautiful rose, shaded and marked with slate. Throat finely mottled with various colors..... 10

Erie—Bright, rosy carmine, with canary colored throat.. 10

Elaborata—Bright fiery red, freely penciled with brilliant amaranth and large white throat. Fine..... 10

Ethel—Beautiful soft rose color, with white and crimson. 10

Falconer's Favorite Very strong, rank grower, enormous spikes; flower large, deep ruby brilliant red, white band petals..... 20

Fedora—Large fine salmon-rose, with mottled throat.. 10

Fantastic—Large flaming scarlet of a bright shade, freely penciled deep crimson..... 20

Governor McCormack—Extra large flower and truss. Beautiful rose, mottled with silvery gray and with violet and white mottled throat. Very fine, being of unusual beauty and oddity..... 5

Governor Saxton—Deep amaranth, almost black, striped, shaded and mottled with red. A very odd and conspicuous color..... 20

Gracilis Slender, graceful spike with large flowers of a dull red color, margined and penciled with blue 5

Harlequine—white and dark crimson freely suffused, striped, mottled and spotted..... 20

Harry G. Parker—Large blossoms. Purplish red of of various shades, striped and mottled. Light central bars and a throat finely striped crimson and white.. 25

Helen—Blush white, striped crimson. Very pretty..... 20

Henry Gillman—Deep salmon-scarlet, with pure white bands; the throat showing peculiar mottling..... 5

I. S. Hendrickson—A beautiful and irregular mottling of white and bright deep pink; in some the pink, and in others the white, predominating. Flowers and spikes very large and fine..... 25

Hohokus—Large, flaming crimson; throat margined bright magenta..... 5

Indian Chief—Brilliant ruby red, clear and distinct white stripes through three lower petals..... 10

Irene Fine large flower and spike. Color a fine shade of pink freely flaked bright crimson..... 20

Jay—Compact spike; large open flower of great substance. Bright crimson-pink, flamed darker..... 25

Kate—Blush white, with crimson blotched throat..... 20

Keokuk—Deep, bright pink, clouded, tinted and spotted slate-blue..... 5

Kitty Leland—Bright rosy salmon, with orange tinge. Flower spike often as much as three feet in length, showing between twenty and thirty blossoms, which are of the largest size..... 10

Lael—Soft pink, with bright carmine throat, shaded orange and having a peculiar metallic lustre..... 10

Little Blush—Dwarf, compact spike of blush white..... 5

Little Violet—Compact spike of a pleasing lilac..... 5

Livonia—Light red, with white mottled throat..... 5

Lizzie—White, tinted blush; violet crimson throat..... 10

Lowell—Fine pink and carmine, beautifully striped like Eugene Scribe. Good substance..... 20

Marginata—Fine salmon, with crimson and white throat, each petal having a delicate margin of blue... 5

Marguerethe Large flower and spike. Bright red, freely marked, blotched and suffused with slate-blue. 10

Middleboro—Salmon-pink, freely flaked and penciled with deep rose, and carmine mottled throat..... 5

Mottled Gem—Large, spreading flower, large throat, beautifully mottled white, violet and scarlet..... 5

Mohonk—A strong, rank grower, flowers of large size, and great substance. Deep dark pink, with spotted throat shaded orange and flaked with maroon..... 10

Mrs. Beecher—Beautiful deep rosy crimson, Large, well opened flower, with pure white throat, freely marked and spotted..... 5

Mrs La Mance—White overspread with a slight lilac shadow, the mottling being purplish crimson..... 10

Mrs. R. A. Goldsmith—Large flower, fine spike. Soft delicate rose, shaded lighter. Pure white throat.. 20

Mrs. W. N. Bird—Beautiful lilac-rose, crimson-white mottlings in throat, and carmine marks. Extra fine 10

Nakomis—Soft pink, blotched and shaded with orange-white and crimson throat. Enormous spikes..... 10

Newark—Orange-red, with white and crimson throat.. 10

Nezinscott—Bright blood scarlet, with deep, velvety crimson-black blotches and white mottlings..... 5

Nilo—Amaranth red shaded purple, numerously blotched and flaked with slate, and beautiful, large, pure white center. Mottled and spotted with crimson,.... 20

Norma Dee Childs—Extra large flower and spike. Color delicate white, softly penciled with rose, and with large sulphur yellow throat. Perfectly exquisite and distinct..... 20

Oddity—Deep amaranth red, deeply suffused with purple-blue. Large distinct white marks and red and white mottled throat..... 10

Old Oxford—Slaty crimson heavily clouded with blue. Large crimson and white mottled..... 20

Oriole—Lovely mottling of pink and gray, with beautiful yellow banded throat. Exquisitely colored..... 10

Olympia—Pure white, beautifully zoned with sulphur-yellow, slightly marked violet in throat..... 25

Pearl—Light rosy pink, beautifully tinged violet and having pure white bars through center of each petal, 20

Peoria—Slaty lilac, with white and crimson throat..... 5

Perfect Beauty—Very large flower of a tinted white color beautifully spotted with magenta..... 20

Princeton—Large flaming red, with violet and white mottlings in throat, spikes of great length..... 10

Portland—Rosy-red, penciled darker, mottled throat.... 10

Red Cap—Dwarf, pretty bright red..... 5

Rosendale—Lilac-rose, tinged slate-blue..... 10

Ruby—Very dark, deep ruby red, with bright violet and white mottled in throat. An exceedingly rich color. 10

Sacramento—Deep, bright coral-scarlet, white mottling 25

Sandusky—Carmine red, penciled and flaked darker.... 10

Saratoga—Flaming orange-scarlet; mottled throat..... 5

Salem—Fine salmon-pink, dark maroon blotches..... 5

Senator Childs—Large, well-opened flower, deep glowing red, with enormous white throat..... 20

Sentry—Blush-pink, spotted crimson. Dwarf..... 10

Siboney—Slaty-gray marked and mottled darker..... 5

Splendor A splendid large flower, of the softest, sweetest rose color. Large magenta stains, with purple and white mottlings..... 5

Striped Banner—Very tall, with long spike. Flowers large and well opened; white, freely marked and striped deepest crimson..... 10

St. Oscar—Large, well-open flower, rosy pink outside and blush-pink inside, with throat variegations..... 10

St. Louis—Very large individual flower of a splendid rose color. Light inside and dark outside..... 10

Tinted White—A very large flower, well open and a pure white color beautifully tinted with pale pink.... 10

Toronto—Pure white, with distinct violet-crimson stripe in throat..... 25

Torch-Light—Very large spike of large, light, flaming scarlet flowers. Throat mottled and spotted white... 10

Tuxedo—Fine rose, marbled with crimson, throat showing large white stripes and beautiful mottlings..... 25

Variabilis Enormous size and vigor, standing nearly seven feet high with the largest spike ever seen on any Gladiolus. But this is not the only great merit. The flowers range in color from dull, deep pink, flaked with blue-black, to a solid blue-black color of smoky hue, flaked with pink. Some spikes will be one color and some the other, while flowers of both colors are often seen on the same spike..... 20

Waukesha—Salmon-pink, shaded lighter inside; large beautiful primrose throat, thickly mottled crimson.. 10

Winthrop—Very bright scarlet. Inside of petals suffused with pure white mottlings and blotches..... 10

Wm. Falconer—Spike of great length and flowers of enormous size. Beautiful clear light pink..... 5

Wyandanch—Very light red, white throat and white band through each petal..... 10

SPECIAL OFFER.

Of the above varieties quoted at **5 cts.** each we will send any 5 of them for 20c., or 15 for 50c., or the whole 25 five cent sorts for 80c.

Of the 10 cent varieties, any 3 for 20c.; 8 for 50c.; or the 42 ten cent varieties for $2.50.

Of the 20c. sorts, any 3 for 50c.; any 7 for $1.00; or the 23 twenty cent sorts for $3.00.

Of the 25 cent sorts, any 5 for $1.00, or the 8 for $1.50.

One bulb each of the 100 named sorts for $7.00.

MIXED G. CHILDSI—All sorts; 1st size, 40c. per dozen; $3.00 per 100.

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GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrid Gladiolus.

The odd and fantastic markings of these Gladiolus, and their beautiful shape, resemble the fascinating beauty of the Orchid. Yellow, crimson, white, brown, green, pink, etc., are blended together, producing an effect seen in no other flower. They are of recent introduction, therefore, new and quite unknown. It is useless to attempt to describe their regal beauty, for it cannot be done. They must be seen. Besides their gay colors and odd markings, they have two very important points of superiority over other sorts. First, they bloom two or three weeks earlier and are in full perfection before others appear; and secondly, they are hardy and may be left in the ground over winter, from year to year, without lifting in autumn; yet we do not advise this plan, as we think it better to lift them in the fall and store them in the cellar, that they may be planted out in fresh, mellow soil in spring. They do well either way.

Atlas—Clear violet, large velvety maroon blotch.
Admiral Pierre—Large flowers, round, very open; dark carmine-red, lower division clouded through maroon purple.
Bejazet—Lovely light pink, shading to delicate blush; velvety carmine blotches.
Chas. Martel—Rosy blush, intense large carmine blotch.
Cleopatra—Red, carmine blotches, tinged with yellow.
De Cheville—Salmon red, buff blotch.
Edison—A beautiful combination of many rich colors.
Emille Lemoine—Bright vermillion dotted gold.
Entendard—Light brick-red, with large canary and crimson blotches.
Ethel—A lovely blush pink.
F. Bergman—Large, orange pink, with carmine stains.
Incendiary—Fiery red, large blotch of crimson-red on lower petals, small gold markings.
Lamarck—Salmon, crimson and yellow spots.
Lamartine—Rosy flesh, with large maroon blotch.
Lafayette—Very large, yellowish salmon, crimson blotch.
Marie Lemoine—Pale creamy color; flushed salmon lilac, lower divisions spotted violet and yellow.
Murillo—Bright claret-red, with velvet crimson throat.
Marq. de Seporta—Light and deep yellow, maroon blotch.
M. Levique—Dark crimson.
Masquede Fer—Dark crimson blotch.
Nydia—Blush pink, with large orange-yellow throat.
Pectole—Sulphur-yellow, spotted black.
Profusion—Orange-scarlet, yellow throat.
Vashti—Creamy white, blotched carmine.

Price of above, 5c. each; any 6 for 25c.; the 24 sorts for 90c.

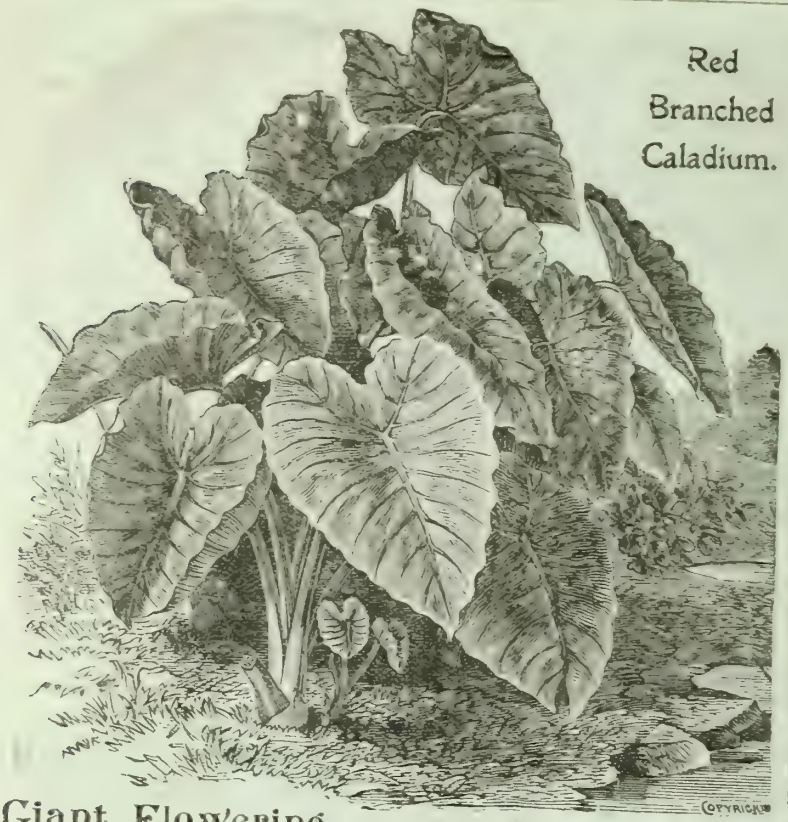
MIXED VARIETIES—All the above and many more, 20c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100.

NEW SEEDLINGS—These glorious new seedlings are of our own hybridizing and are selected for large spikes, large flowers and bright, refined colors and are truly exquisite; by far the finest strain of Lemoinei ever offered. 25c. per dozen; $2.50 per 100.

BRANCHING TREE.

New Lemoinei Gladiolus.

Branching Tree--The largest and most vigorous grower of all Lemoinei, equal in this respect to Childsi. Each stalk produces 3 to 4 branches all of which begin to bloom before the main spike has faded, producing a wonderful profusion. Color, fine pink with yellow and maroon throat. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.



CALADIUM ESCULENTUM.

Caladium Esculentum.

A grand, sub-tropical plant, growing four feet high, and bearing immense, shield-shaped leaves of the smoothest, richest green. Extra fine for groups or single specimens upon the lawn, or as borders to tropical beds, or to plant at the margins of ornamental pools, etc. Give plenty of water. 15c. each; $1.50 per dozen.

Giant Flowering Caladium.

Leaves 2 to 5 feet long, 2 to 2½ feet broad; perfectly immense, bright, glossy green with metallic lustre, and make a plant which for tropical luxuriance has no equal. Added to this wonderful foliage effect are the mammoth lily-like blossoms; snow-white, changing to cream, with a rich and exquisite fragrance so powerful as to perfume a whole garden. As many as 6 to 12 flowers rise successively from the base of each leaf-stalk, and are borne on stems eighteen inches high. One flower is sufficient to perfume a large room with a most delicious aroma. Our plants growing in the open ground the past summer did not bloom as freely as formerly, owing to the extreme cold season. They need lots of heat, so plant in full sun. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00; 10 for $2.00.

COOPERIA.

Red Branched Caladium.

This is much like the Giant Flowering in all respects, except the stems of all the leaves are a rich purple-red color, and the leaves dark purplish-green and exceedingly handsome. In size of leaf and stately habit it is the finest of all Caladiums, while its rich color makes it a most beautiful and conspicuous foliage plant. It makes a large, solid bulb, like Esculentum, that is easily wintered in a dry state, like a Dahlia or Gladiolus. For ornamental bedding, or for single specimens, it is truly grand, and we cannot say enough in its praise. Strong, dry bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00; 10 for $2.00.

Cooperia Drummondi.

This bulb belongs to the Amaryllis family, and can either be grown in pots or open ground. The beautiful Lily-like flowers are borne on stems 10 to 15 inches high, and are profusely borne. They have a saying in Texas that the Cooperia blooms after every rainstorm. Certainly its flowers spring up as if by magic repeatedly through the season. Color, pure white. Bulbs, large and strong, 5c. each; 6 for 25c.

Childs' Grand Flowering Cannas.

These are now the most popular and most magnificent of all summer blooming plants for brilliant bedding and massing, and are among the very finest of all pot plants, either for summer or winter blooming. The following named sorts are the very best of the new and better known large flowering Dwarf varieties. We have selected these varieties after careful tests of hundreds of sorts, and our customers can rely upon them as being the most magnificent and desirable in every respect, combining large flowers of great brilliancy with beautiful foliage, free blooming and easy growing qualities.

17 Prize Cannas—Cheap.

Alsaise—A glorious grower, 4 feet, with large panicles of bloom. Spikes full, dense, and producing early and continuously. Color, lovely creamy white, the nearest to a pure white yet seen among Cannas.

Alphonse Bouvier—Rich, luxuriant foliage and enormous panicles of great, wide-petaled flowers, which are of the darkest and richest blood vermillion color.

Burbank—Enormous flowers, beautiful canary-yellow, with a silvery hue, inside slightly dotted with red. Both in foliage and flower it is grand. 5 feet.

Constance—Very large clusters of intense scarlet blossoms.

Florence Vaughan—The queen of the fancy spotted varieties. Flowers of enormous size, petals exceedingly broad and of perfect shape. Color, bright canary-yellow thickly spotted with vivid scarlet. 4 feet.

F. F. Hunt—Fine large flower and beautiful compact truss. Color, pure canary-yellow, freely striped with scarlet. A grand new variety. 3 to 4 feet.

John B. Dutcher—Immense truss of gigantic blossoms. Color, dark crimson-maroon, rich and velvety. Probably the finest and richest dark color. 4 feet.

Italia—Flowers very large, each petal 4 to 5 inches, and most beautifully colored. Bright scarlet with a broad yellow border, irregularly blotched and spotted. 5 feet.

Paul Marquant—Salmon, shaded red. 3½ feet.

Perfection—A grand yellow, freely spotted red. Finest spotted sort yet introduced. Very dwarf, wide petals, immense panicles. 3 to 4 feet.

Miami—A distinct and rare color, seldom seen in any flower, and entirely new in Cannas. Rich bronze orange. Flower large and perfect.

Little Gem—This is the dwarfest Canna that has yet been introduced. Color, bright orange-scarlet, with a slight gold band about some of the petals. The plant grows only about eight to twelve inches high, but the panicles of bloom are as large and fine as those found on varieties growing much larger. It is, therefore, a perfect beauty as a pot plant, and for edging beds of taller-growing Cannas it is indispensable. A most valuable Canna.

Gloriosa—Large flower, dwarf grower. Intense crimson petals, finely bordered with mottling and spotting of crimson and yellow.

Golden Star—Fine bright yellow. 3 feet.

Flamingo—Superb, dark, rich scarlet. Very showy.

Crimson Bedder—Fine crimson; superb bedder.

Mad. Crozy—Bright scarlet, heavily bordered and spotted yellow.

PRICE—*15c. each; 5 for 60c. $1.25 per dozen, postpaid.*

BY EXPRESS—*Any of the above at $1.00 per doz., $6.00 per 100*

Mixed Cannas—For Large Show Beds.

A mixture of the finest dwarf large flowering kinds which will go well together, and make a most magnificent bed or border of bright colors. We can thoroughly recommend this mixture, for we know that it will give the greatest results. Price, by express, strong roots, 60c. per dozen; $4.00 per 100

Canna Seed.

New Hybrids—Choice hand saved seed from the grandest new Hybrid varieties. Seedlings bloom in 2 to 3 months. Will give magnificent results. 20c. per pkt.

Fine Mixed—A magnificent strain of all colors, and finest flowers, 10c. per pkt.

For other Canna seed, see page 33.

THE MAYFLOWER, March, 1903, tells all about Cannas and their culture. A very thorough treatise. Price, only 5c. per copy.

Canna Novelties.

These are the finest Cannas in cultivation. Nothing like Musafolia for foliage effect or Red Cross, for foliage and flowers combined. Mrs. Kate Gray is the largest and finest flower among Cannas, and Mont Blanc the purest white.

Musafolia—This is the finest foliage Canna yet seen, with enormous Musa-like leaves, 3x5 feet, of a dark green, bronze-tinged color, the edge of the leaves being beautifully banded with bronze-purple. In size and beauty of foliage it is a revelation, and makes a clump or single specimen plant for the lawn which no other foliage plant can approach. Attains a height of 8 feet, beautiful and symmetrical at every stage of growth. Extra strong roots, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Mrs. Kate Gray—By many considered to be the finest flowering Canna. Size and style of Austria and Italia. Immense Musa-like leaves, and large clusters of enormous bloom, with 4-inch petals. Color, dark orange flamed scarlet, or a bright flame color. 40c. each

Red Cross—A splendid sort, 3 feet high, with most beautiful rich purple-black foliage. In this respect it equals Black Beauty, and is surely a grand ornamental foliage plant. Added to this it produces great flaming scarlet clusters of immense perfect blossoms. One of the largest, brightest and richest colored flowers to be found among Cannas. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Mont Blanc—The first and only pure white Canna. Flowers, large, broad-petaled and perfect in shape. Clusters large and freely produced. Color, snow-white, with only a slight tinge of yellow, when first opened. Dwarf (3 feet) and a good, vigorous grower. 30c. each.

Variegata—Magnificent large flowers, yellow spotted brown-red, resembling Florence Vaughan, but much larger and far better. As to size of flower and petal, it is one of the very largest known. Foliage very ornamental, being wide and Musa-like, and beautifully striped and variegated. In every respect it is fine. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Floral Park—New this year. A superb sort, of compact growth, and large clusters of very large blossoms. Color a rich orange-salmon, very odd and distinct. 25c. each.

Pacific Beauty—Very heavy, black foliage, often finely striped and variegated. Flowers orange-crimson, much the color and size of Mrs. Kate Gray. A truly magnificent sort, and one that will be the center of attraction. 40c. ea.

Allemania—Enormous flower, 6 inches across, petals 2½ inches wide. Bright yellow and orange-crimson, beautifully spotted and variegated. 25c. each.

Nebbson—Size of Allemania. Color, bright canary-yellow, with a few small red spots in throat. Grandest yellow. 25c. each.

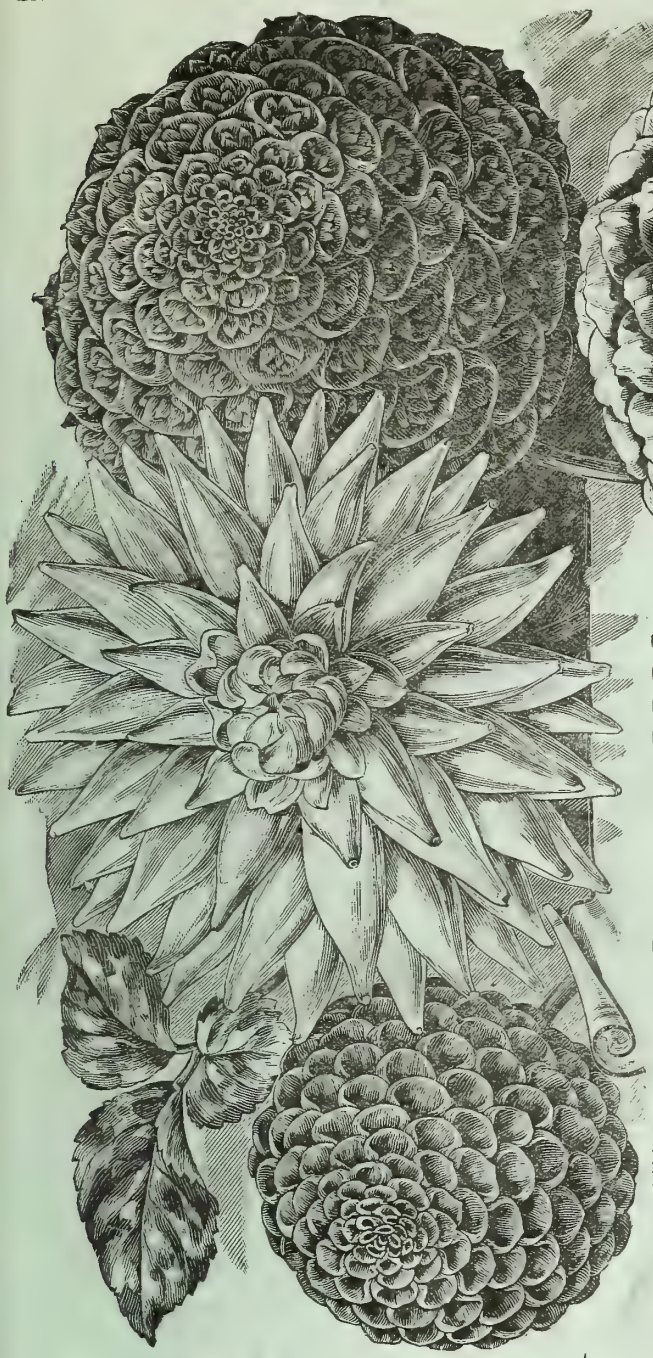
Clara Barton—Without the slightest hesitation, we pronounce this the finest flowering Canna yet introduced, and the only one with a good, bright, clear pink color. Plant very dwarf and compact, about two feet high, with luxuriant, wide, Musa-like leaves, and gigantic spikes of bloom, which rise just to the top of the foliage. Flowers very large, wide-petaled, and perfect in shape; and of a most beautiful clear, bright, pink color. 30c. each.

One each of above 10 grandest Cannas for $2.25.

New Imperial Cactus Dahlias.

These are not the ordinary form of Cactus Dahlia, but a new strain, with blossoms of enormous size, perfectly formed and double to the center. Some have wide, flat petals, others have petals quilled at the ends and flat in the middle. Many of them remind one of magnificent Japanese Chrysanthemums. In color they present a varied brilliancy and richness not before seen in Dahlias: intense scarlets, delicate pinks, snow-whites, and tinted forms, straw color, lemon and orange-yellow, dark maroons, almost black, with a velvety texture that is certainly wonderful; striped, blotched and variegated; in fact all colors and combinations. These wonderful new Dahlias grow very easily from seed or cuttings, and flower in a remarkably short time, and make beautiful pot or garden plants.

We have about 50 distinct named kinds, all colors, and can supply strong tubers or green plants at 40c. each; 3 for $1.00; 12 for $3.00. Better have a good variety, and let us select 12 finest kinds, one of each, and send you for $3.00. Seed, 20c. per pkt.



Pure White—A strong vigorous grower, and extra free bloomer. Large double snow-white.
Mrs. Dexter—Very large, rich salmon. Best of its color, which is a rare shade.
Psyche—Pale primrose, shaded pink. Dwarf branching plant, and one of the most prolific bloomers.
Nymphæa—(Cactus)—Like a lovely pink Water Lily. Extremely beautiful and novel. It is a great and persistent bloomer all through the season, and its charming Water Lily-like blossoms are grand.
Wm. Agnew—(Cactus)—A grand flower of the Cactus type, very double, and intense crimson color.
Sprig—An exquisite yellow Pompon. Very double and free. A perfect beauty.
M. Bruant—Very large double white.
Fern-Leaved Beauty—An exquisite Dahlia, the flowers of which have white petals, bordered with deep crimson, and the foliage is beautifully cut and Fern-like.
Florence Shearer—Fine, new Show Dahlia. Color, clear, soft blue, with a lighter edge.
Prince Charming—Light color, freely penciled, and suffused heavily, tipped purple-rose. A splendid Pompon. Very double and perfect.
Electric Giant—A very large, double and showy Dahlia. Flowers perfect in every particular. Color, glowing salmon-red, tinted violet.

Price, 25c. each.

Superb New Dahlias.

These Dahlias, of recent introduction, are, in our estimation, the finest in cultivation.

Livonia—Flower stems long, and the color of the large perfect blossoms is a soft, sweet, sea-shell pink, as rare as it is beautiful. In our opnion the most beautiful Dahlia in cultivation. Flowers perfect and freely produced.
Clifford W. Bruton—The finest pure yellow decorative Dahlia. Of immense size, 5 to 8 inches in diameter; full Chrysanthemum form, and double to the center. A strong, vigorous grower, and an extremely profuse bloomer, for so large a flower.
Zulu—The black Dahlia. A large double flower of fine form and jet black color. A great novelty.
Mary D. Hallock—Large, double and extra fine in every respect. Bright yellow.

Mixed Dahlias.

We can supply large field-grown tubers of 25 finest Dahlias (mixed) at $1.00 per dozen, by mail or express. Larger tubers can be sent by express than by mail.

Dahlia Seed.

Good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and plants will bloom the first season from seed. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory can grow a Dahlia from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seed leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers.

	Per pkt.
Double Large-Flowering, Mixed—Will produce some magnificent varieties	15
Double Pompon, Mixed—Extra choice strain	10
New Single, Mixed Colors—Flowers very large and of rainbow color. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers	5
Imperial Cactus—A new class of Dahlias, with large, double fantastic blossoms, which, in shape and brilliancy of color, rival the finest Cacti. All colors and shapes are represented, some of which are just like Japanese Chrysanthemums	20
Imperialis—The "Lily Dahlia"	10

The 5 sorts for 50c.

Phædranassa Gloriosa.

The flowers are borne in penduluous clusters, and an odd mingling of colors, green, orange, scarlet, etc. Always admired, for it is a very odd and exceeding ly interesting plant. The clusters of fine, drooping blossoms are entirely unlike any other species of Amaryllis. It is a fine garden bulb, growing and flowering freely with treatment like a Gladiolus. 10c. each; 3 for 25c

The Great Ismene.

(*Ismene Calathena Grandiflora.*)

Those who are familiar with the true Giant Ismene, cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, like an Amaryllis, novel form and of snowy whiteness, and are also exceedingly fragrant. It is really one of the most lovely of all the great Amaryllis tribe, having a peculiar grandeur which one can appreciate at sight but cannot describe. Bulbs are large and strong, and begin to flower in two or three weeks after planting, sending up tall flower stems, which bear several of its magnificent blossoms. As a pot plant it is grand, and as a garden bulb treated like a Gladiolus, it is one of the choicest of all flowers Do not fail to try it. It will more than please you, for it is superior to the Bermuda Easter Lily as a flowering bulb. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1,00; 15 for $2.00

Brilliant New Montbretias.

In the hope of interesting our customers in this comparatively new summer-flowering bulb, which is one of the most brilliant, easily grown and satisfactory of all garden flowers, as well as one of the very cheapest, we devote this page to the finest new varieties. Easier than Gladiolus to grow, and requires the same treatment, but can be planted earlier and left in the ground later, as they are so hardy they continue blooming after fall frosts. One of the brightest and most winsome flowers we know of. Should always be grown in masses or groups and then are remarkably showy and brilliant. From July to October they are one mass of flowers, spike after spike of the flame-like beauties appearing. Extra fine for cutting, their dash of color lighting up a heavy mass of flowers with grace. One of the most lovable flowers we know, so graceful and bright and cheery.

Crocosmæflora—Deep orange and red.
Sulphurea—Bright, deep sulphur-yellow.
Cerbe d'Or—Golden-yellow, crimson-brown center.
Talisman—Dark scarlet.
Rosea—Fine rose.
Transcendent—Red and yellow, very bright.
Flore Pleno—Fine double orange,
5c. each; the 7 for 30c. 40c. per doz.
Mixed Sorts—All kinds. 25c. per doz.; $1.50 per 100.

Milla Biflora

The flowers are pure waxy white, two inches in diameter, star-shaped and usually in pairs on long slender stems. It is beautiful, especially for cutting, as it lasts a long time in water. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon this lovely flower. It pleases everyone and should be grown very largely. This charming flower is exceedingly popular for florists' use, and the demand for the blossoms is great. The blossoms frequently last two weeks when cut and placed in vases of water. It is a perfect gem. 5c. each: 3 for 10c.: 12 for 35c.

Cyclobothra Flava.

Narrow grassy foliage and a constant bloomer. Flowers bell-shaped, bright yellow dotted brown. Very graceful and in every respect a perfect gem. In many ways it closely resembles the superb Calochortus of California. Like Milla and Bessera it is easily grown in the open ground treated like a Gladiolus. 5c. each: 3 for 10c.: 12 for 35c.

Bessera Elegans.

Flower stems from one to two feet high, bearing loose umbels of beautiful, drooping scarlet and white flowers. A charming bouquet flower. Few flowers present such graceful beauty, while growing in a natural state or when cut. With Milla Biflora this makes a most lovely contrast, and they are two of the finest flowering bulbs we have ever grown. 5c. each: 3 for 10c.: 12 for 35c.

SPECIAL OFFER OF THESE THREE GEMS.

Though entirely distinct from each other, we class these three fine bulbs together, as their habit is somewhat alike. They can all be grown either as pot plants or in the open ground. They are very effective when grown in clumps or masses and are very profuse and long blooming. Exceedingly fine for cutting. Gems of real grace and beauty. 1 each of the 3 for 10c. 12 of each for $1.00.

OXALIS LASANDRIA.

Summer-Flowering Oxalis.

No bulb is so valuable for edging the borders of walks or flower beds as the beautiful flowering Oxalis. When planted three inches apart they produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers; and as they bloom very quickly after planting they furnish a neat and attractive border the whole season. They are also splendid when planted in a mass, and make a very showy bed. The bulbs, which are the size of peas, or larger, can be planted the first of May, or perhaps earlier, and will bloom the first of June, No flower is easier grown than this, as they are sure to succeed in all soils and situations. They are also charming when grown in pots and make a very attractive mass of fine foliage and gay flowers. They can be planted in this way at any time during the winter or spring, and will commence blooming at once. Every bulb will grow and flower beautifully. Price of the bulbs. 10c. per dozen; 25 for 15c.; 100 for 40c; 500 for $1.50; 1,000 for $2.50.

Dieppi—Pure white; very fine.
Lasandria—Fine rosy-pink, beautiful cut foliage.
Shamrock—Lovely clover-like foliage and pink blossoms.
Mixed Colors—Several colors.
Mammoth Bulbs—These Bulbs are nearly as large as Gladioluls, and will produce a wonderful profusion of blooms 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Ipomea Mexicana.

This has a large tuberous root that can be preserved over winter like the Dahlia, and it gives the plant a strong and early start each spring. Very handsome, and graceful, airy foliage, deeply incised or palmated. The blossoms are of an indescribable, rosy crimson, with a shadow of violet or blue, very beautiful, resembling rich satin. A grand vine for a conservatory in winter as well as for open ground in summer. In fact it is the grandest of all flowering vines. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

IPOMEA.

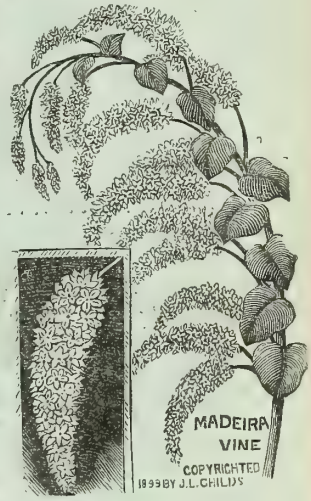
QUEEN LILY.

Queen Lily.

A fine new plant with a bulb somewhat like a small Tuberose. The foliage is exceedingly beautiful and of tropical appearance, leaves being large and paddle-shaped. The flowers are borne on a strong scrape, which rises from the center of the plant, and are in the form of a cockade. Color exceedingly delicate, white and pink, with orange center. A beautiful and novel plant, which blooms in August and September, and makes a fine pot plant as well as a fine garden plant. Fine bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Smilax.

A lovely climber, and well known. Beautiful in foliage, flower and fruit. Strong roots, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Madeira Vine.

A rapid growing vine, covering a large space in a short time. Fleshy, heart-shaped leaves of a light green, and in late summer numerous racemes of feathery flowers of powerful and delicious fragrance. A very beautiful and popular vine, which succeeds admirably. 5c. each; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

Phrynium Variegatum.

An elegant pot or bedding plant, which is faithfully depicted in the accompanying cut, though it conveys no idea of the exquisite variegations of the leaves. Its manner of growth is much like that of a Canna, the leaves borne on erect foot-stalks, with spreading blades of oblong-lanceolate form. They are bright, pale-green, beautifully variegated with white and gold, the variegation being extremely diversified. In some leaves the whole area is white, in others only one-half, in others again it is confined to the interspaces between two or three of the ribs, while in others it is reduced to a few stripes. It is very free growing, and one of the most ornamental plants imaginable. As a pot plant it surpasses the best Palms, and can be compared only to some of the rare Dracænas. As a bedding plant, planted out in full sun, it is simply elegant, making a specimen which for ornamental foliage has no equal. It is a free, vigorous and easy grower, succeeding in all situations, and under all conditions. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00; 15 for $2.00.

SAUROMATUM SIMLENSE

Sauromatum Simlense.

A rare and curious garden bulb, with odd flowers and luxuriant Palm-like foliage. The spathe of its Calla-shaped flowers is two feet in length, with tapering point, and is of very large size. Color of bloom, greenish chocolate on outside, inside yellow, spotted with purple. Foliage very large, luxurant like a Palm. Extra large bulbs, 25c. each; 3 for 60c. Smaller, 15c. each.

New Hardy Spider Lily.

This grand new Spider Lily has the advantage of being perfectly hardy, and when left undisturbed a few years forms large, imposing clumps, that are a mass of clustered heads of pure white, fragrant flowers. The flowers have a peculiar and striking beauty, which must be seen to be appreciated. The flowers are borne in large clusters, are of waxy whiteness and unsurpassed fragrance. More beautiful than most of the high-priced Lilies. An extra choice garden flower which we cannot too strongly recommend. Also a fine pot plant. Fine flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

The Pompon Spider Lily.

This little known species of the beautiful Spider Lily is one of the choicest summer flowering bulbs we grow. We have had it for 10 years, and last year offered it for the first, having grown up a large stock. It is much smaller than the common Spider Lily, both in bulb and growth, yet the flowers are of very large size, and borne in immense clusters, which are freely produced. In beauty and rich fragrance it is a real gem. Strong bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

HARDY SPIDER LILLY

Zephyranthes—(Zephyr Flower.)

The Zephyr Flowers, or Fairy Lilies, are gems of rare beauty and when planted either in pots or the open ground they produce very beautiful Lily-like flowers nearly all summer. Though some of the varieties are old, they are not generally known or seen in cultivation, owing to the fact that they have never been properly and thoroughly introduced. When once grown they are always grown, for they are one of the prettiest and easiest grown flowers it is possible to have. For pot culture plant three or four in a 5 or 6-inch pot and they will bloom beautifully. For the garden plant in spring and lift them in the fall, like Gladiolus. Those who plant them, either in pots or the garden, will be delighted with them.

Rosea—Beautiful clear rose; large and handsome. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.
Atamasco—Large pure white. 5c. each; 5 for 20c.
Andersoni—Beautiful orange-yellow. 5c. each; 5 for 20c.
Candida Improved—Pure white and the freest bloomer of all. 5c. each; 5 for 20c.
Floribunda—Fine yellow. 5c. each; 5 for 20c.
One each of the 5 for 15c.; 3 each for 40c.

Giant Spring Ranunculus.

These from spring planted bulbs give most astonishing results. Plant very early, in partial shade, and water liberally, and in a few weeks you will have a show of large double flowers, which even Roses cannot surpass. We know of no other low-priced bulb that is so perfectly magnificent. Their long, wiry stems fit them admirably for cutting, and for late spring bedding they have few equals. They bear the most lovely flowers imaginable—pink, white, black, yellow, red, blush and variegated, each about two inches in diameter, and as double and as perfectly imbricated as a Dahlia or Rose.
Mixed—All colors, 2 for 5c.; 12 for 25c.

Anemones—(For Spring Planting.)

This strain of Anemones succeed best when planted (not in the fall as usual) but very early in spring in some partly shaded situation. They will soon be up and blooming and if not allowed to suffer too much from dry weather will make a most excellent show. They possess a beautiful range of very fine colors, such as brilliant scarlet, red, blue, rose, striped, carnation, etc. For pot culture they are very fine indeed. The time has now come for Anemones to be grown extensively. Few bulbs are more satisfactory, the large showy blossoms being so very attractive.

Double Mixed—All colors. 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen.
Single Mixed—All colors. 3 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.
Double Chrysanthemum Flowered—Flowers like Japanese Chrysanthemums; large, fall and of fine colors. Mixed. 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.
Double St. Bridge—A splendid new strain. Fine large double flowers of various colors. Mixed. 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Childs' Superior Tuberoses.

The one flower the rich man must have, and the poor cannot do without. We all love its massive spikes, thick, waxen blooms of rich, creamy whiteness, and its deep, delicious fragrance. How often has this sweet flower, that might have bloomed in paradise, been placed upon the cold forms of those whose spirits have gone to fairer fields. We have made our prices very low, that every flower lover may enjoy their peerless beauty. For open-ground culture, plant about the middle of May. Give them rich soil, in full sun, and keep free from weeds, and they will bloom finely. Plant a good big lot of them for cutting, and if you will pot those which are in bud about the time frost is expected, they will bloom elegantly in pots for a long time; often till Christmas.

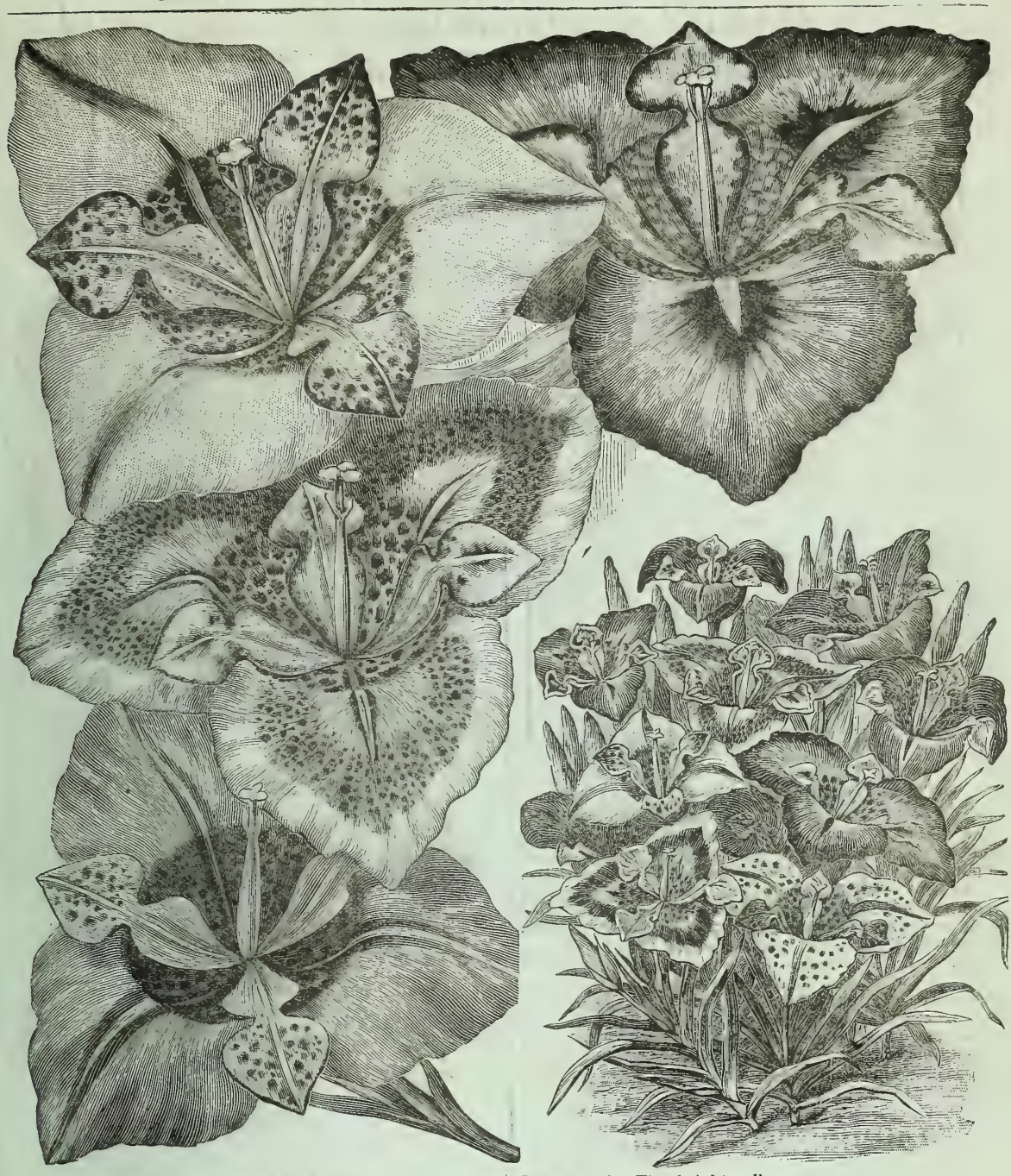
Excelsior Pearl—First introduced by us years ago. It is the finest bloomer of all Tuberoses; habit dwarf, flower stalks short, spikes and blossoms enormous in size and very double and fragrant. The finest for pots as well as for the garden. Large select bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 100 for $3.00.

Tall Double—The old popular variety. Splendid for the open ground. 5c. each; 5 for 20c.; 12 for 40c.

New Variegated—The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single but very large and of exquisite fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It makes a most magnificent plant. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts, which greatly adds to its value. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Single Orange Scented—A fine sort, bearing very early in the season large spikes of beautiful single orange-like blossoms. Very fragrant. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

One bulb each of above four sorts, 25c.; or 3 of each for 60c.



Giant Tigridias.

One of the most showy of all summer bulbs, and blooms from midsummer until frost, growing three feet high, with large wide-open triangular blooms, four to six inches across. The colors and markings are very brilliant and peculiarly odd and attractive, and clumps of them in the border have a most gorgeous effect. It is difficult to name a flower of such unique and exquisite beauty as a Tigridia, the superb spotting being so self-like and handsome. They are easily grown and always more than satisfactory. One cannot without seeing them realize how truly beautiful they are. The named sorts we offer are truly immense, some of them being quite new. Our Trigridias are all California grown and are extra large strong bulbs that will give grand flowers.

Canariensis—Fine bright yellow.
Conchiflora—Yellow, spotted orange.
Grandiflora Alba—White, fine crimson spots.
Speciosa—Deep red, fine purple spots.
Rosea—Magnificent rosy pink.

10c. each; the 5 for 40c.

Mixed Sorts—All colors. 50c. per dozen.
Grandiflora Hybrids—Grand new strain of mammoth size, and a great variety of splendid colors. These will give unbounded satisfaction. Bulbs of mammoth size. Grown in California. 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

TIGRIDIA COELESTRIS.

A distinct species of slender growth and lovely blue and white blossoms that have all the beauty of a fine Iris. 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

HARDY FLOWERING BULBS.

A few pages here are devoted to the finest hardy Bulbs, such as may be planted in the spring, and which live and flourish in the open ground year after year without removing.

Hyacinthus Candicans.

A species of Hyacinth which blossoms during August and September, growing three to five feet high, with spikes of pure white flowers two feet in length. The bulbs are large, round and solid, and throw up large flower stems which are gigantic spikes of thimble-shaped white blossoms. Planted in the spring they bloom in August, September and October. strong bulbs producing two, three and even four flower stems. A bed of a dozen or more bulbs produces a grand effect. A few planted in the center of a bed of Verbenas, Petunias or other flowers make a beautiful display. They contrast elegantly with Gladiolus. Planted anywhere, singly or in clumps, they are magnificent. For a cemetery nothing can be more beautiful or appropriate, and nothing thrives better in any situation. Strong bulbs sure to bloom, 10c. each: 3 for 25c.; 12c. for 75c.

Lilium Tenuifolium.

We have a fine, large stock of this gem of Lilies, and offer it at a very low price. It is a great beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a brilliant coral-red. One ought to grow it by the dozen, it is so fine for cutting, and makes such grand clumps for the lawn. Blooms very early. Having grown such an enormous stock of this exquisite Lily we can offer it at the extremely low price of 15c. each: 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

SEED—Lilium Tenuifolium is easily grown from seed, the seedlings blooming the second year, or about 14 months from sowing. Fresh seed 10c. per pkt.

Fine Hardy Lilies.

The brush cannot paint or the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty, and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes, when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation; especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the hardiest, handsomest, and best. We grow about five acres of Lilies, and the bulbs we offer are large, healthy, vigorous and cheap.

Auratum—(THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN)—We can say that this is the grandest of all Lilies, and certainly the most popular. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Elegans Bicolor—The blossoms are large and of exceeding bright and striking colors; robust, hardy and free bloomer. Exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red color, flamed with yellow. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Elegans—Very brilliant and early. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Longiflorum—White, trumpet-formed, very fragrant. A lovely Lily, being almost exactly like the Bermuda Easter Lily, but blooming a little late, and hardy. 15c.

Pardalinum—Rich scarlet and yellow flowers, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily, and will give great satisfaction. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Superbum—Fine tall grower with magnificent orange and scarlet blossoms. 15c. each.

Tigrinum fl. pl.—This is a plant of stately habit, growing from 4 to 6 feet high; foliage is dark green and very large, bearing an immense number of double bright orange-red flowers, spotted with black. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

Tigrinum Splendens—Improved Tiger Lily. 10c.; 3 for 20c.

Umbellatum—Fine, blooming in June or July, with very large, perfect flowers. Colors range from black-red, through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, etc., many being finely spotted. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Wallacei—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 10 beautiful, upright blossoms, of a delicate, bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form, and a most desirable sort. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

1 each of above 10 finest Lilies, $1.00.

Grand Speciosum Lilies.

These are the hardiest, most robust and free flowering of all Lilies, while in beauty they are second to none.

Rubrum—Deep rose, freely spotted crimson and mottled white; perfectly exquisite. 20c.

Melpomene—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered, 30c.

Præcox—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at top of petals. 25c.

Monstrosum Album—Broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty in a cluster, pure snow-white. 20c.

Henryi—New and exceedingly rare. Tall, strong grower, producing flowers in great profusion, of a fine apricot-yellow color. The yellow Speciosum. $1.00 each.

Opal—We had thought that no Speciosum could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. It is frosted, glistening white, delicately clouded, and suffused with rosy blush, and spotted with rosy scarlet. The deeply recurved petals are snow-white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal. $1.00 each.

By John Lewis Childs.

Cultural directions, complete list and descriptions of all known varieties, notes and suggestions. With this work any one ought to succeed admirably with the "Queen of Flowers." 5c. per copy. October 1903, MAYFLOWER.

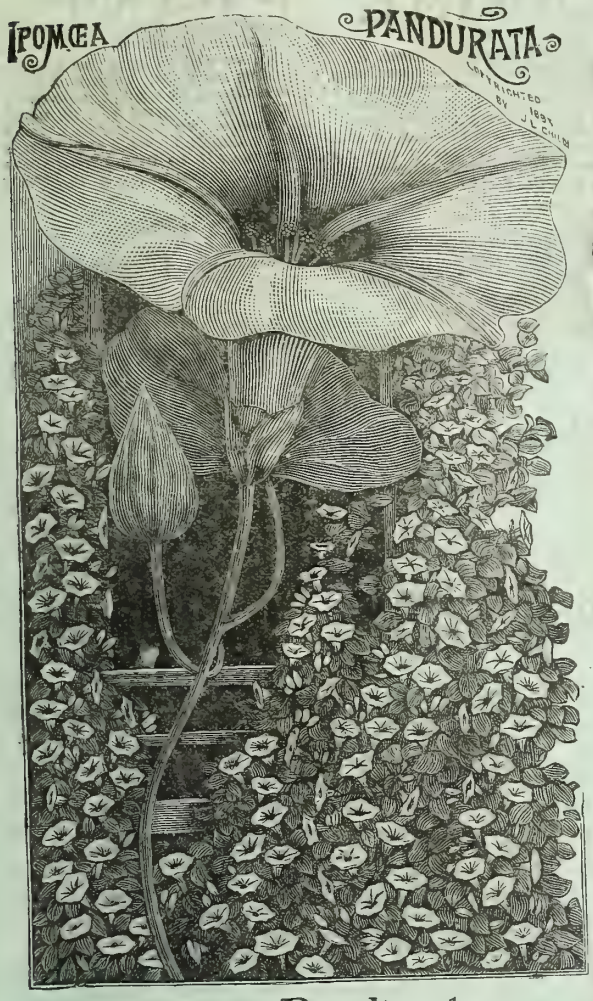
THE EVERBLOOMING TRITOMA.

Everblooming Scarlet—The grandest bedding plant ever introduced, surpassing the finest Cannas for attractiveness and brilliancy, equal to the Gladiolus as a cut flower and blooms incessantly from June until December, regardless of frost. Plants are perfectly hardy in open ground all winter south of Philadelphia; further north they must be protected or wintered in a cellar like the ordinary Tritoma. Just bury the roots in sand; nothing more is required. Should be planted out very early in spring, and will commence growth and bloom at once, growing larger and finer every day. Plants show from 6 to 20 grand flower spikes all the time, each holding at a height of 3 to 4 feet a great cluster of flame-colored flowers of indescribable beauty and brilliancy. Each cluster keeps perfect several weeks, and when it fades 2 or 3 more are ready to take its place. Fall frosts do not kill it or stop its blooming, and it is as brilliant as ever long after all other garden flowers have been killed. For cutting it is unsurpassed, and the beautiful long spikes keep several weeks in water. Without a single exception, it is the most desirable garden flower. It has created a sensation in the New York cut flower market. Strong plants that will soon bloom, 25c. each; 5 for $1.00; 12 for $2.00.

Everblooming Yellow—This is like the above in every respect except color, and possibly spikes are more compact. Color much lighter, being a bright orange-yellow. Very fine indeed, and contrasts magnificently with the scarlet. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00. *One each of the two sorts for 50c.*

Tritoma Seed—Mixed; if sown early will bloom first summer. 15c. per pkt.

HARDY FLOWERING BULBOUS VINES.



Ipomœa Pandurata.

HARDY TUBEROUS-ROOTED MOONFLOWER.

This will stand a year's drouth without a murmur. An immense subterranean root weighing sometimes a hundreds pounds, sustains the vine through any vicissitude of weather until frost kills the vine to the ground. Each year it springs up stronger than before, until it becomes a large, luxuriant vine, clothed with a luxuriant growth of pretty cordate leaves, and bearing great quantities, yes, thousands of large, thick-textured waxy flowers of a rich creamy-white, with a throat of violet-purple. It will grow in any soil, no matter how poor, and its blossoms remain open all day, unlike other Ipomœas. It is perfectly hardy in any climate, and a vine which will cover an enormous amount of space. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Apios Tuberosa, or Tuberous-Rooted Wistaria.

A valuable hardy tuberous-rooted climber, closely resembling the common Wistaria in vine and foliage and having clusters of rich, deep purple flowers, which have a strong, delicious violet fragrance. Plant the bulbs near a trellis, tree, fence, or any place where you may wish a climber. They grow to a great height, and bloom profusely. The bulbs are perfectly hardy, and should not be taken up over winter. It is sure to give great satisfaction. If possible, plant two or three bulbs near together, to produce a greater mass of vines and flowers. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

Thladiantha Dubia.

A lovely bulbous vine, which stands the winter unprotected anywhere, and makes a beautiful growth year after year with an abundance of bright yellow flowers, bell-shaped like a Cobæa. Plant bulbs anywhere, and the vines may be allowed to trail over the ground, in which case they make a fine carpet of foliage and flowers. For training on sticks or lattice work it is splendid, growing about the height of a Sweet Pea. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

Cinnamon Vine.

A pretty, hardy vine, with edible roots and neat, glossy, cordate foliage. In midsummer it bears clusters of tiny but exceedingly fragrant flowers, with an odor like cinnamon. A very pretty vine to train over a small trellis, or around a window. 2 for 5c.; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c. Year old roots 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

The earth wears a crown of Floral Beauties, and among the brightest, richest and sweetest are the Hardy Perennials. They fit a place in our gardens, and in our hearts which nothing else can supply. Like Flowering Shrubs when once planted they are good for a life-time, and we come to regard them as a part, not only of our home, but of our very existence. What would induce us to part with the grand old clumps of Pæonies, Lilies, Iris, etc, which have stood along the path in our front yard so long, and greeted us year after year with such cheery brightness and beauty? They have cheered us through many vicissitudes and dark hours of life. They were loved by dear ones whose voices we hear no more; their blossoms call to our mind dear associations, happy days and happy faces which Time, the great Destroyer, has stolen from us. Yes, let us enrich our borders and walks with these dear flowers, which will be our friends forevermore.

Achillea Grandiflora.

A most useful and beautiful hardy perennial plant which furnishes a profusion of the choicest double white flowers all summer. It commences to bloom by the first of July, and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost; as many as 5,000 flowers have been counted on one plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, and are produced in large sprays, and unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc. It is perfectly hardy anywhere, and so vigorous that it will take care of itself among weeds. For cemetery planting there is nothing finer, for it is sure to live, thrive and bloom profusely, year after year. The plants we send out will bloom profusely this summer.

15c. each; 5 for 50c.

Pæonies.

The favorite of to-day, as it was fifty years ago. Luxurious foliage plants, with magnificent double, incurved flowers, of enormous size and colorings. Nothing can surpass the intensity of the dark varieties that fairly glow with a radiant fire of richness, while the white and pale varieties are very soft and delicate in their coloring.

New Giant—Like an enormous double Rose, of a blush, almost white color; a Pæony which grows 3 to 4 feet high, and bears flowers nearly as large as a man's hat; the flower is the same shape, fragrance and exquisite satin-like pink color as Baroness Rothschild Rose. It is beautiful beyond description. Fine roots, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Festiva Alba—A dwarf grower, enormous pure white flowers, occasional spots of crimson. 50c each.

Fragrans--Deep crimson-pink, double and very sweet. 20c. ea.

Double White—Pure white; very scarce. 40c. each.

Officinalis fl. pl.—The grand early flowering, old-fashioned double crimson Pæony. 25c. each.

One each of the 5 sorts for $1.25

Candytuft, Hardy.

A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact spreading growth, and producing its profusion of blooms in May or June when pure-white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of blooms is so great that a bed of it looks, at a little distance, like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall, it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy, and foliage evergreen. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

Early Flowering Hardy Chrysanthemum

These are exceedingly fine, and are perfectly hardy planted in the open ground, and flower magnificently in October and late into November. They should be planted on the south side of a building or wall, or in some spot where they will be sheltered as much as possible. In such a situation they are sure to bloom magnificently, despite early fall frost. They make a border which is as brilliant and beautiful as the gayest flowers of summer. They are mostly of the Pompon type, very double and perfect flowers in great clusters. All colors mixed, 5 plants for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.

Hardy Everblooming Chrysanthemum.

Plants begin budding and blooming in July, and continue till November, while those in pots bloom far into the winter. It may be used either as a garden or pot plant, and is perfectly hardy in the open ground.

Everblooming, White—Pure white, full double.

Everblooming, Yellow—Bright, golden-yellow.

15c. each: the 2 for 25c.; or more at 10c. each.

Perennial Poppy,

FIRE BRAND.

If there is a more gorgeous flower anywhere than the Perennial Poppy we fail to know it. The most indifferent observer stands spell-bound in the presence of its magnificent fire-like scarlet flowers with their silky texture and foil-like heart of innumerable purple-black stamens. Each bloom is as large as a saucer, and sits perched like a bird on the end of a swaying, hairy, slender stem, high above the deeply-incised and handsome foliage. Many consider it the most showy flower that blooms. A grand plant to light up dark corners and dull shrubbery. Do not disturb them after planted as they dislike removal. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Early Rose-Flowered Pampas Grass.

One of Mr. Burbank's greatest productions and he speaks of it thus: "It is a splendid plant for the Northern and Eastern States, for it blooms two months earlier than any other Pampas Grass, and produces twice as many plumes, and blooms when half the age of any other. Little seedling plants will the second year produce from 25 to 50 beautiful rosy-carmine plumes during the summer." Such a plant is a grand object, the immense rosy plumes standing higher than a man's head, and the whole plant one of luxuriant beauty. Owing to its extreme earliness, hardiness and great effectiveness as a lawn plant, and also the beauty and usefulness of the dried plumes for winter decoration, it is a great acquisition. Fine plants 60c. each; 2 for $1.00. Seed 20c. per pkt.

Ten Thousand Flowered Boltonia.

We have not seen so good a hardy plant as this since we introduced Rudbeckia Golden Glow. That plant went over the whole world like wildfire, and is by far the finest hardy garden plant in cultivation to-day. Next to it in importance we recommend this new Ten Thousand Flowered Boltonia. The flowers are like a native Aster, pure white and borne in endless numbers as may be seen by the cut, which represents a single stem plant the first summer. Another year this plant will throw up 6 to 10 stems just like this one and a mass of bloom shown that no other plant can equal. For a clump or hedge it is superb. Perfectly hardy, and grows in any soil or situation. Strong plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.50. Seed 20c. per pkt.

Perennial Phlox.

Those who remember the thin-petaled, white and the dull-hued purple Perennial Phlox of old-fashioned gardens can scarcely recognize these new Phloxes as the same flowers. These new varieties are in bloom from June until frost, and the individual florets are twice the size of the old time Phlox, and the shades of color the brightest, richest and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phloxes, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The varieties we offer are new and fine, and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap and we hope that all our customers will plant them.

Athelia—A beautiful rosy scarlet tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.
Snow Cloud—White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.
Charlotte Saisson—White, suffused with pink, deepening towards the center to bright vermillion.
Lasoliel—Enormous flowers and truss, individual flowers being 1½ inches across. Color, light crimson tinged with lilac and shaded lighter towards the center.
Diplomat—Beautiful light lilac with crimson eye. Very large flower and truss.
Eclaire—Deep, bright purplish crimson. Extra large.
Master Clarence Hulse—Pure white. Flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.
Sylvester Hulse—Beautiful lilac-rose.
Miss Hattie Hulse—Pure white with beautiful pink eye.
Morty Hulse—Beautiful rose-lilac, marbled with white, flowers large and of beautiful form.
Pluton—Deep wine-red; splendid. New.
Mad. Reudatier—Fine lilac, bordered and flaked white.
Robt. Werner—Extra large, bright rose.
Bridesmaid—White, crimson center; fine.
Jeanne d' Arc—Pure snow-white.
Thebaide—Fine, large, rosy crimson.
Simplon—White and crimson, variegated and striped.
Prof. Schlieman—Deep pink. Compact panicle.

15c. each; 5 for 50c.; $1.00 per dozen.

PYRAMIDAL PHLOXES.

These have large, fine pyramidal clusters of bloom that are very showy indeed.

Pyramidal White—A plant of sturdy, compact growth, bearing enormous pyramidal panicles of great snow-white blossoms.
Pyramidal Crimson—Like the above, with same great blossoms, but of a brightest crimson color. The two sorts contrast finely. They bloom all summer long, and are equal to Hydrangeas in majestic beauty.
Pyramidal Oculata—White; large crimson eye. Showy.
" **Lavender**—Delicate lavender; white center.
" **Rose**—Large, bright rose.
" **Blush**—Blush tinted; extra large and fine.

20c. each; 3 for 50; $1.50 per dozen.

Rudbeckia "Golden Glow."

A hardy perennial plant growing eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds, on long, graceful stems exquisite double blossoms, of the brightest golden color, and as large as Cactus Dahlias. Mr. William Falconer, the best authority on plants in this country, says of it; "The plant you gave me grew vigorously, and threw up strong, branching flower stems six feet high, laden with sheaves of golden blossoms as large as fair Chrysanthemums; and all having an elegant, graceful appearance. Many eminent florists and amateurs have seen it, and all admired it. As cut flowers the blossoms last well. I unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials." It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation. Strong plants, which will bloom freely this season, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.

Mosquito Catcher Plant.

Grows one to two feet high and all summer bears a profusion of pretty, white, star-like blossoms that secrete a viscid fluid that attracts mosquitoes and sometimes other insects as well. Alas for the poor mosquito! No struggling on his part can ever free him after he has once dipped his beak in the forbidden sweets, though he may plunge and buzz for a day or two after. A single spray of bloom will capture a dozen mosquitoes. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Phlox Subulata—One of the finest of low, tuft-growing plants, for carpeting under trees, around rock-work, edging beds, etc. Early in spring is very showy, with its cloud of bright, pink blossoms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy, and once planted will take care of itself.
Subulata Pure White—Superb novelty.

15c. each; the 2 for 25c.; $1.00 per dozen.

Plants and Seeds of Select New, or Recently Introduced

WINDOW OR GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

In Plants we offer comparatively few varieties, only such as are of unusual merit; new, or of recent introduction, and which will be sure to give an unusual degree of pleasure and satisfaction. We have acres of greenhouses, and annually produce and send out over two million plants. Our system of packing is such that our plants carry successfully through the mails to nearly all parts of the world. We are careful to send out only well-rooted, healthy stock, and to offer only such varieties as are sure to give satisfaction—the very best of their kinds. The enormous quantities which we grow enable us to offer the finest plants of the choicest varieties, at a price so low that they are within the reach of all.

Plants are man's natural home companions; they are bright, refreshing, cheery; winter may rage without but inside they make spring perpetual A refined and generous nature craves plants and flowers. Nothing else can take their places; especially to the care-worn women, whose elevated tastes, and love for refinement goes largely unsatisfied, plants and flowers are one of God's richest blessings.

Double Vernon Begonias

These Double Vernons are in no respect different from the single, except the flowers are large and double. Truly, they are attractive flowers, borne in large clusters, and with a freedom that is surprising. Every day, the year round, shows them in their radiant beauty. There is certainly no other plant producing fine double flowers in such quantity. It is adapted to any window or porch, or it may be bedded out in summer. In any position it is always a prize bloomer, and beautiful in foliage.

Vernon Double Pink—Fine shade.
" " **White**—Pure.
" " **Crimson**—Deep and rich.
" " **Peach Blow**—Rose and white.

Fine plants, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c. Seed, mixed, 15c. pk.

Acalypha Sanderi.

This is one of the most gorgeous and peculiar flowering plants thus far discovered. It grows up a straight, stout, branching plant, clothed with large green leaves of good substance, and out of the axil of *every* leaf grows a spike of blossoms, glowing crimson-scarlet in color, *20 to 30 inches long*, as large around as one's finger, and looks like a long piece of crimson-scarlet chenille cord. They grow on the plant exactly as our cut shows, and on plants a foot high the lower flower spikes will hang below the bottom of the pots, and they continue to lengthen as the plant grows larger. They last for *months* before fading, and before they fall off several other spikes have started out in the *same leaf axil* and it is thus always in bloom—January to December. *Even tiny plants in thumb-pots bloom*, though, of course, the spikes are proportionately smaller. A magnificent novelty. Strong, healthy plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

New Flowering Begonias.

These are extra fine flowering Begonias in every respect. More charming pot plants it is impossible to have.

Tree Begonia—Erect grower, with immense Ricinus-like leaves, which are very beautiful. Flowers extra large, pink in color, and borne at all times in large clusters 30c. ea

Bismarck—Often 3 to 4 feet high. Its flowers are large and borne in enormous pendulous panicles; deep coral-red. Perfectly immense. 50c. each.

Emerald—Of erect growth with handsome emerald-green, drooping foliage, and flowers in endless number, hanging in graceful clusters, delicate pink in color, with light emerald calyx and buds. Its lovely pink color, with the delicate emerald tinge of foliage and buds, give the plant a peculiar charm; and it is certainly one of the very finest winter-flowering plants one can possess. 20c each.

Mastodon—Luxuriant-growing plant, with large, handsome leaves, and clusters of pink blossoms the size and shape of good Tuberous-Rooted varieties. By far the largest and most magnificent flowers of the fibrous-rooted class. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Sweet Scented White—Not only are the flowers deliciously scented, but they are borne in most fascinatingly beautiful sprays, clusters a foot to eighteen inches wide, loose, graceful and charming. Plants, fine vigorous growers, with luxuriant and beautiful leaves, and the flowers are borne at all times of the year, particularly in fall and winter. 20c. each.

Sweet Scented Pink—Charming sea-shell pink; in all other respects exactly like the above. 20c. each.

Golden Gleam—Most lovely sort, with golden foliage and beautiful flowers. 15c. each.

Mixed Seed, of all Begonias, 15c per pkt.

Two Superb Cactus.

Phyllocactus German Empress—This grand flowering Cactus is like the Night-blooming Cereus in size but beautiful pink in color and borne by the score for a long period, each flower keeping perfect several days. It is the most magnificent of all Cactus, and one of the choicest pot plants, selling last year at $1.00 each for cutting plants. When in flower the plant is one mass of color as shown in cut. Very easy to grow. Strong plants, 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Echinopsis Mulleri—A most beautiful flower, and as easily grown as a Geranium in any window. It flowers for several months, the long-necked blossoms coming from the bulb-like plant on all sides as you see it in the cut. Color soft, satiny pink of superlative beauty. A plant in flower is one of the most fascinating floral objects that can be found. Fine plants, 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

RESURRECTION PLANT.

Resurrection Plant.

A ball of tightly folded leaflets, dry and dead. Drop it in a bowl of water and in a short time there it is a great, loose, expanded rosette of fine fern-like leaves both odd and beautiful. This can be repeated many times, the plant curling tightly together when dry, expanding when soaked. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Fruits for Pots.

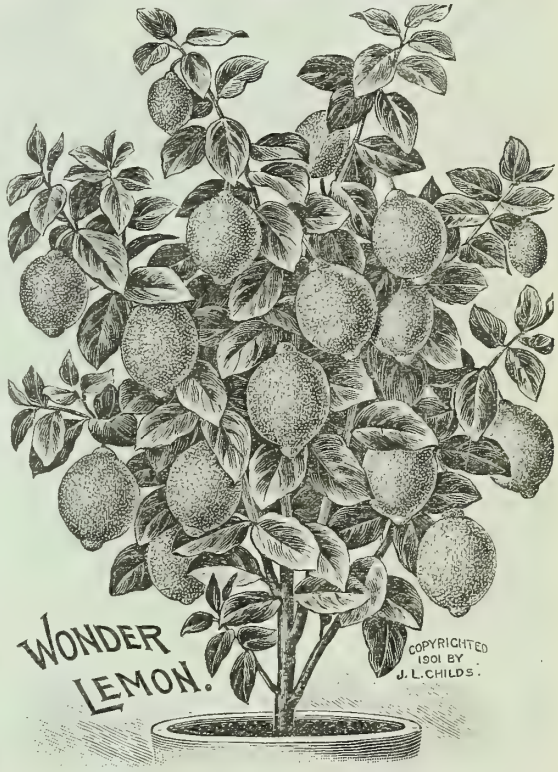
These make the most interesting pot or tub plants, and are the easiest of all pot plants to grow. Many are handsome in foliage, in blossoms, and all showy, interesting and luscious in fruit. The most of them fruit the greater part of the year.

Pot Grapes—The finest grapes in the world can be grown from these vines in 10 to 12-inch pots, in conservatories, windows or on verandas. With 4 to 6 feet of growth several bunches of fine fruit, some weighing over a pound, will be produced. The sight of the small vines growing in pots has been one of the wonders to be seen at our place the past year. Grow the vines outdoors (pots plunged) the first summer. Winter them in cellar, pit or cold-shed. Any time after February they may be placed in light and warmth for growth which will start at once. Flowers and fruit will speedily follow. These great bunches of delicious fruit will ripen in May if plants are started end of February. They are one of the easiest and simplest things to manage properly, and to bring into fruit, as a window or veranda plant, and certainly there is nothing more attractive, novel, or satisfactory to grow. The enormous bunches of large berries are extremely handsome and perfectly delicious. The ideal thing to grow in large quantity in greenhouses or conservatories. Fine vines, 40c. each; 3 (all different kinds) for $1.00.

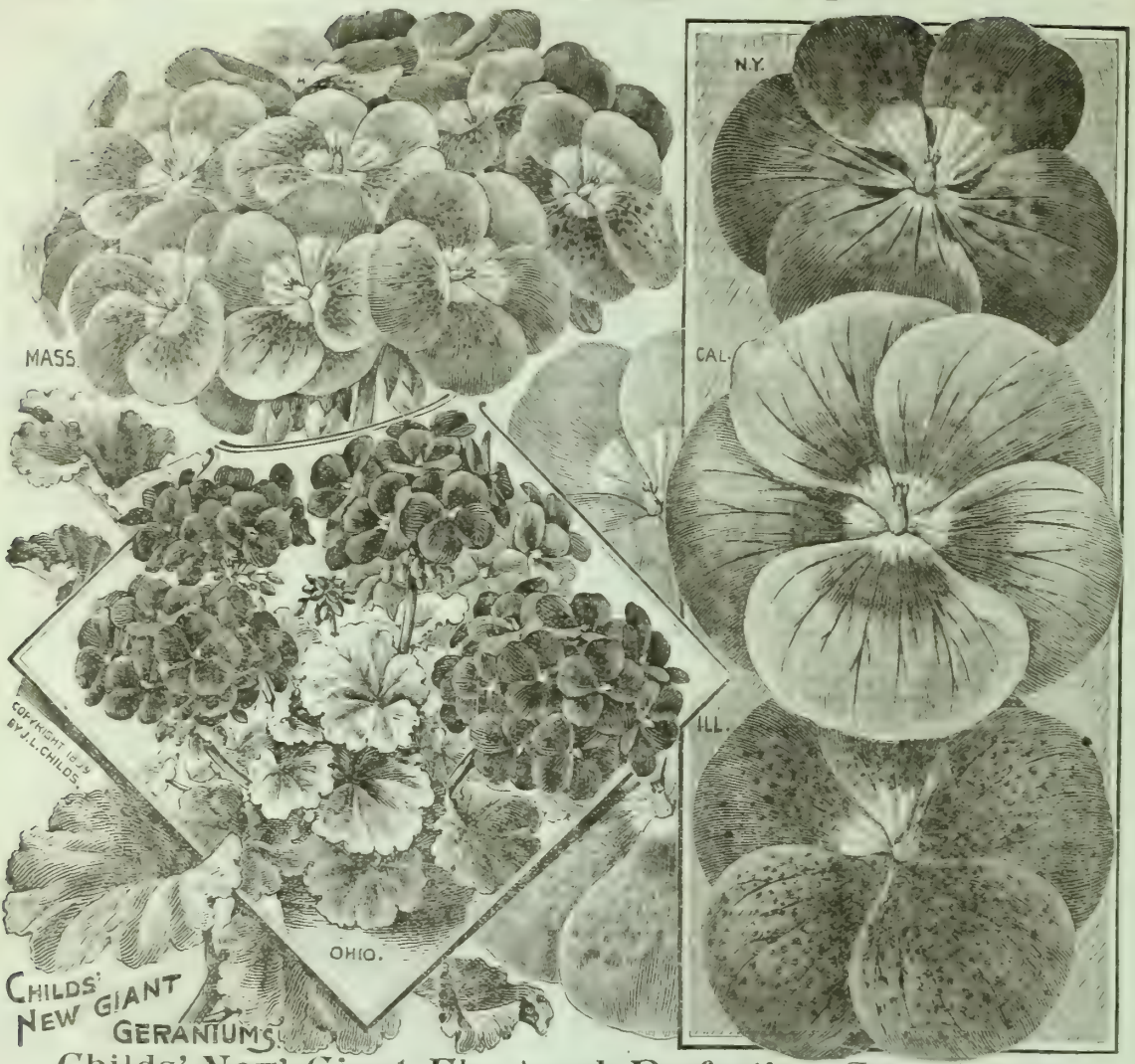
Strawberry Guava—A beautiful pot plant, with shining evergreen foliage that resembles Camellia leaves, and handsome fruit nearly the size of a walnut, and a fine strawberry-like flavor. Blooms and fruits continuously the year round. It must be considered as useful as ornamental. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Melon Pear, or Pepino—A rapid-growing dark-leaved plant, blooming when quite small. The fruit is the size and shape of a goose egg, and very handsome; in color a pale lemon mottled with waves of bright violet. Inside the fruit resembles a pear, and tastes somewhat like a banana, but is much sweeter and juicier. Very ornamental when in flower and fruit. An elegant pot plant; also fine for the garden. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Otaheite Orange—An extra fine pot plant, with glossy leaves, the true fragrant Orange blooms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot; and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high, and had 23 oranges on it. With good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate, leafy sprays of bloom, so indescribable, exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once. 20c. each; 3 for 50c, extra large 40c. each.



Wonder Lemon—A Lemon that can be as easily grown in a pot as a Geranium and which produces fruit weighing from one to three pounds each. These enormous fruits are borne on plants one to two feet high, growing in 5 to 6-inch pots. It is everbearing and its fruit is delicious for lemonade and culinary purposes. It makes a beautiful specimen plant for the house. Has large, deep green leaves and pure, waxy-like flowers that are fragrant as Orange blossoms. The enormous lemons have a thin rind and are full of acid juice. Will thrive in any good soil, either indoors or out. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Childs' New Giant Flowered Perfection Geraniums.

These Geraniums are in their way most remarkable Novelties, for they show great improvement over sorts previously introduced, in habit, vigor, size and quality of bloom and radiant coloring. For several years they have been the admiration of all who have visited our conservatories. They were offered 2 years ago for the first time, after years of critical test, and we know just what they are. They have been carefully compared with the best new sorts of recent years, and in every point they show their superiority. Habit compact, with large, healthy foliage. Flowers, perfect in shape; round, and sometimes beautifully cupped. Trusses immense, and the blooming qualities of the plant truly wonderful But in color they are perfect marvels, showing combinations and brightness of tints hitherto unknown.

Massachusetts—Extraordinary size and beautifully colored. Exquisite pure pink with white rayed center, freely spotted or speckled.

Indiana—Pure lilac pink, slightly spotted. Large size.

Pennsylvania Pure snow-white; best of its color.

Alabama—Deepest, darkest red; a grand and rich color.

Idaho Bright rose color, center rayed white, and spotted.

Kansas Intense orange-scarlet, each petal beautifully veined with a dark color.

New York—Enormous clusters of great substance; beautiful round flowers. Soft pink; perfectly exquisite.

Oregon—Flowers very large and perfectly magnificent. Orange-scarlet, shaded and mottled with pure white.

Tennessee Extra large, round, perfect shape; bright crimson-pink. One of the very best.

Colorado—White, tinted violet-pink. A shade so delicate and shifting as to be perfectly exquisite.

New Jersey White, tinted, veined and spotted.

Connecticut—Enormous flower, often measuring 2½ inches across. Leaves gigantic in size, with conspicuous dark zone. Color, intense scarlet.

Washington Very curious, clusters of bloom branching, that is, 2 to 3 additional clusters will grow out of each main cluster. Color, fine pink, freely spotted.

Porto Rico—Brightest carmine. White shaded center. Extra large panicle.

Oklahoma—Finest intense scarlet.

Mrs. White—Pure snow-white, thickly spotted with crimson dots. Flower large and beautiful. This elegant Geranium was raised by one of our customers in England, from seed purchased from us. It is one of the most beautiful varieties in cultivation.

Blue Tint—This remarkable variety has a large flower of a distinct blush tinge. Center rayed orange-scarlet.

John Lewis Childs—Color, pale, pearly-pink, heavily mottled and spotted with crimson. The background is a good light color and the spots bright and brilliant. It is the only good spotted variety yet known in cultivation, except some of our novelties.

Alaska—Extra large. Bright red petals, elegantly fluted and crinkled. Looks like a Pelargonium.

Mrs. Langguth Color of foliage, deep green, heavily striped with silvery white; the zone of the leaf is pure white. Large blossoms. Color, aniline-scarlet. The best silver-leaved sort.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00. The 20 sorts for $2.60.

GERANIUM SEED.

New Hybrids Large-Flowering This is saved from such grand sorts as those offered above. It will produce magnificent varieties, probably many as good as these here named. It is the finest Geranium seed ever offered. Plants from seed bloom in a few months. Pkt. 20c.

See page 46 for other Geranium Seed.

Oleander.

What home is complete without its tub of Oleander? A very attractive plant that can be grown in almost any soil or situation, kept growing all the year, or rested in the cellar. Its dark green, willow-like foliage is in itself neat and pleasing; but when in bloom it is beautiful beyond expression, with its many large, delicate satin-like flowers.

Pink—Large blossoms of fine rosy pink. Very double.
White—Magnificent large snow-white double blossoms.
Crimson—Fine deep crimson-red. Extra.
Yellow—Large and very beautiful.
Variegata—Leaves bordered with creamy white; flowers pink, very double. A magnificent plant, the contrast of foliage and delicate color of blossoms being very striking.

Price, 35c. each; the five for $1.25.

Double Geraniums.

These are the finest double Geraniums yet introduced.

Sea Shell—New last year. Large double flower, very large truss, bright beautiful pink.
Double John Lewis Childs—This splendid novelty is a double form of the famous single-spotted variety of same name. The plant is a vigorous grower and free bloomer. Clusters large, florets large and very double. The ground color is a beautiful pink thickly spotted with crimson dots.
Double Tricolor—Beautiful in leaf and bloom. The finest of all tri-color Geraniums, much better than the good old Mrs. Pollock. Its large thick leaves are rayed and zoned with scarlet, gold, etc., superbly.
Mrs. Parker—While the foliage is deep green, with a broad border of pure white, the flower is perfectly double and of a clear bright pink, a combination novel and beautiful.
Variegata--Foliage beautifully mottled and variegated white, green and creamy-yellow. Flowers, bright scarlet, double, and in big trusses. A vigorous grower and fine bedder.
Mammoth—Semi-double intense orange-scarlet showy flowers. Very fine.
Mayflower—White tinted pink. Very fine.
White Swan—Very floriferous. An extra fine pot Geranium, covered with large trusses of snow-white flowers that are very double and perfect. Habit, short-jointed and bushy. Finest double white.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 8 for $1.25.

Giant Pelargonium.

These new giant-flowered Pelargoniums are among the very finest novelties ever produced at Floral Park. They are really remarkable for size and coloring, the delicate shades and markings being indescribable.

Hawaii—Same fine shades and size of above; color, a delicate tinted white, with large, rich velvety maroon and rose splash in upper petals.
Luzon—Enormous size, round, wide-open shape; pure white with violet-maroon blotches. Quite new as to shape.
Marion—The same plant bears flowers of different colors. One cluster of bloom will be white marked with crimson, white another will be fine rose marked purple.

30c. each; 3 for 75c.

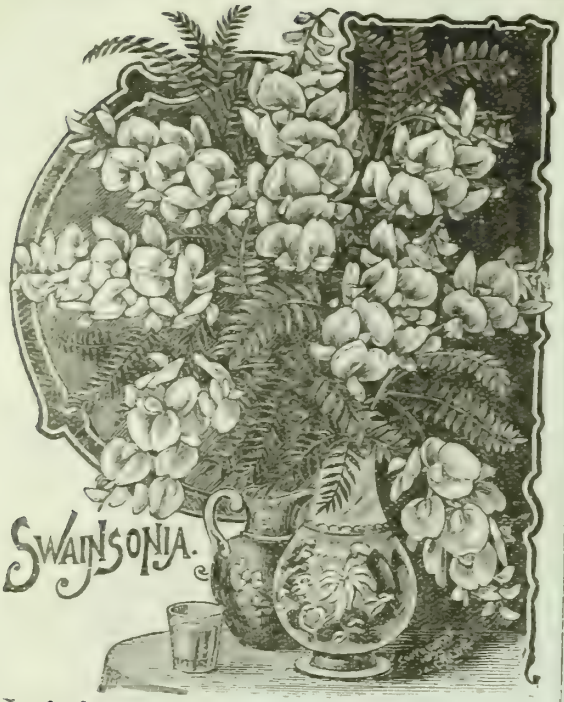
Olea Fragrans (Fragrant Olive)

This is the sweetest flower that blooms, belongs to the Olive family and is a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers, either summer or winter, though the plant may not be a foot in height. The flowers are small, creamy white and borne in immense clusters. Each individual blossom, though no larger than the head of a shawl-pin, has more sweetness than the largest and most fragrant Lily. Its fragrance is also delicate and charming, really the finest of all flowers, and you cannot pass a plant without noticing it. It succeeds well in any window. 30c. each; 3 for 70c.

Lily-of-the-Valley Plant.

A beautiful new plant of trailing or creeping habit, being best adapted for hanging-pots or baskets. It has beautiful heart-shaped leaves and branches freely, growing in most beautiful symmetrical form. It is in bloom all the time, the pendulous blossoms appearing at the axils of the leaves and are bell-shaped, pure white, and about the size, form and color of Lily-of-the-Valley. As a specimen pot or basket flower to be suspended in the window it is the finest thing of the sort we have ever seen. Grows very rapidly and makes a lovely plant in a short time. 15c, each; 5 for 50c.

Flowering Rose Geranium—Strong fragrance, and large deep scarlet flowers. Combines free flowering qualities with fragrant foliage. Very useful for summer cut flowers, and as a pot plant cannot be surpassed. 20c each.



Swainsonia, or Swanflower.

It will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation, which can equal this in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage, and blooms perpetually, every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of bloom at all times. The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil or in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming plant.

Pure White—Large milky white; exquisite.

Deep Red—Fine dark red, with large white blotches.

Price, 20c. each; 2 for 35c.

Seed—Fine mixed colors, 15c. pkt.

VIOLET, SWANLEY WHITE.

Euphorbia Jacquiniflora.

As a winter bloomer this plant has no superior. No matter how small a plant may be, it is bound to be full of bloom all winter long. Color, intense crimson-scarlet, and blossoms are produced so profusely as to completely wreathe every branch in brilliancy. Flowers keep perfect two months before fading. Fine plants 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Sanseveria Zealanica.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship. It will grow in a hark hall, a cool bedroom, or stand on the mantle in a heated sitting-room. It will stand gas and dust, and will go for months without a drop of water, yet remain as thrifty as ever. Singularly beautiful, as well as easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves, reaching a length of from four to six feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, dark green color, with clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long, plumy flower spikes of soft feathery whiteness. Just the plant for sunless windows or halls, where nothing else will grow. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Sweet Violets.

The flower of sentiment and song, and ever the symbol of modest worth.

Swanley White—In pots it grows luxuriantly, and is loaded with flowers. In the garden it is hardy with slight protection, and greets us in early spring with a profusion of its large, snowy, sweet-scented blossoms. A plant will often have fifty flowers open at once.

Alaska—A grand new sort, well adapted to garden culture, being hardy and robust, and producing in spring great masses of enormous double flowers of a deep blue-black color and powerful fragrance.

Belle de Brunneau—The most magnificent double Violet ever introduced. Large flowers, long stems, deepest, richest violet color, and unsurpassed fragrance.

15c. each; the 5 for 50c.; $1.00 per dozen.

New Rex Begonias.

These new strains and varieties of Begonia Rex are of our own origin, and they far excel any that have previously been in cultivation. The colors and markings of the leaves are exceedingly varied and rich, particularly those of the Fireflush type. We regret that cuts cannot show the splendid tints and variegations of the leaves.

Ostrich Plume—Leaves very numerous, of a rich green-black color covered with fine silky red hairs. The ribs and veins are a light yellowish color, the whole making a striking contrast, and beautiful beyond description. The finest of our new hairy or Ostrich Plume strain.

Crimson Glow—Magnificent large leaves, the center half of which is a rich, metallic crimson, which graduates into a wide zone of light green with lace-like veins, the rim of the leaf having a distinct border of the same metallic crimson as the center. Most charming variety yet offered.

Midnight—Elegant leaves almost black in color, variegated with large pink blotches, the whole having a fine iridescent glow. A greatly improved Louise Classon.

Fireflush—Most beautiful of all. Immense leaf, silvery colored, bordered dark purplish-green, and with a rich, dark center. The whole leaf is flushed with crimson-pink.

Storm Cloud—Rich, dark color, being a sort of blackish-green with purple lustre, and large, moon-like pure silver spots. Splendid.

Gigantea—Large leaf with bright green center, surrounded by a broad zone of shining silver. Border is of light green heavily dotted and splashed.

King Edward—Ground color, purple, overlaid with silver. Center of leaf, solid silver.

Monster—Leaf, 2½ feet across. Color, pure silver, veined with dark green.

Maple Leaved—Leaves serrated and cut like those of the Norway Maple. Center dark purple, surrounded by a zone of silver, bordered brownish-red.

Crested Gem—Leaves beautifully crested and crinkled heart-shaped, purplish-silver with dark green center and edges.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 10 for $1.50.

New Tuberous-Rooted Rex.

A decided Novelty, which originated on our place. In foliage and growth it in no respect differs materially from the common B. Rex, but the crown or base forms a tuber after the style of B. Weltoniensis, which may be dried off and kept in that state like common Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, and when replanted will start at once a strong growth of beautiful foliage, Habit dwarf and bushy, leaves numerous and of great beauty in shape and design.

Helen Gould—Leaves numerous and beautiful. Center, brown-red with large silvery zone, The dentated border is dark purple.

Charity—Numerous light green leaves thickly spotted silver, dark center and silvery zone. Leaves at times beautifully tinted yellow; unlike any other.

Fine Plants, 30c, each; the two for 50c.

Seed—Fine mixed seed of a great variety of Tuberous-Rooted Rex Hybrids. Will produce magnificent sorts. 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

Bridal Rose.—(Rubus.)

Flowers produced during winter, and are as double as a Pæony, and almost as large. Color, pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is a most novel and attractive one. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Rare Fuchsias.

These are very fine varieties of recent introduction.

Trailing Queen—This never grows erect, but always trails down over side of the pot, and is the most beautiful of all plants for suspension. Very robust and easy to grow, the branches reaching a length of four and five feet, blooming and growing nearly the whole year Flowers and buds long and graceful, borne in large clusters at the end of the vines. When expanded, the flowers are very large in size, tube and sepals brightest rosy-scarlet, while the corolla, at opening, is a rich violet-purple changing the second day to a fine shade of crimson; the two colors in the same cluster contrasting beautifully. A good specimen will show hundreds of flowers at once.

Storm King—The double White, Perpetual Blooming Weeping Fuchsia. It is always in bloom, often as many as 200 buds and blossoms on a plant at once. The branches droop most gracefully, and the blossoms are frequently as large as tea cups. The buds for two weeks before they expand are balls of glowing scarlet-crimson. When expanded the enormous double flowers are almost pure white, capped by a calyx of glowing scarlet.

20c, each; the 2 for 30c.

Brugmansia.

Stately plants blooming at all times of the year. Flowers enormous in size and highly fragrant.

Arborea—Called also Angels' Trumpets and Wedding Bells. One of the grandest hard wooded plants we know of, and easy to grow. It grows several feet high, and is quite bushy. The foliage is large and tropical, and its bloom! —how shall we describe what words cannot picture? Imagine a little bush, three feet high, with twenty or thirty pendulous blooms open at once; great, creamy white blooms, eleven, twelve and thirteen inches long, and eight inches wide, of a texture resembling thick, fluted satin. Imagine these creamy trumpets pour ng fragrance forth till the air is heavy with sweetness. Imagine all this, then remember the blossoms last for days in perfection, and that new buds are constantly coming on, and you will see why we value it so highly. It can be wintered unwatered in a cell or pit. Grand for Easter or Christmas decorations, or for yards. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Seed—10c. per pkt.

Double Flowered—Very beautiful and fragrant. The great double trumpet-shaped flowers are, indeed, handsome. Flowers freely at Thanksgiving and Christmas. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

The two for 40c.

Azalea Indica.

Elegant pot plants, much used for Easter decorations. Though attaining a good size, commence to bloom when very small. The flowers are large and very beautiful, always much admired, and range from white to deep crimson in color, with all intermediate shades and markings. Easily grown in a window. Our plants are finest new varieties, and are greatly superior to the older sorts. Many of them are very double, and the colors of all are greatly improved, as well as the flowering qualities. All the plants we send out are of blooming size.

Niobe—Fine double white, flower large, bush compact.
Bernard Andres—A good double flower of a rich purplish-rose.
Simon Mardeur—Large double rose or deep pink.
Dr. D. Moore—Lovely rose, with white and violet reflex.
Mad. Paul de Schreyver—Elegant, large, double red.
Raphael—Immense double white.
Deutche Perle—Large double white. Very early.
Ceres—Fine double white, striped crimson. Great bloomer.
Apollo—Deep brick red.
C. de W. Anne—Double, rosy-pink, flaked white.
Chicago—Very large, double and perfect. Deep crimson clearly bordered white.
Grand Rouge—Rich crimson.
Alice—Elegant light rose.
Louise—Beautiful pale pink.
Illustris—Semi-double, white and crimson
Empress of India—Fine double, brick-red, edged white.

Price, 25c. each; 3 for 60c. The 16 for $3.00.

Mixed Azaleas—All colors, 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

New Carnations.

During the past few years great strides have been made towards improving the Carnation, the florist's skill in this direction being well shown in the following varieties of recent introduction. Their superiority appears in many points, but more especially in large size of flowers, vigor of growth, freedom of bloom, exquisite color and fragrance. For pot culture none are so good as the following.

Mrs. Lawson—This is one of the most sensational novelties of the times, and it is said that thirty thousand dollars was paid for the original stock plants by the introducer. It is probably the largest Carnation grown, its flowers borne on magnificent long stems, and are of a most lovely pink shade, quite unlike any other.

White Lawson—New this year. A sport from the above same monstrous flower and vigorous growth, but in color as white as snow. The two Lawsons make a fine contrast.

Blue Bedder—While the flowers are not actually blue, they are of a bluish-violet color, the blue shade being at times very pronounced. The plant is of a stout, compact habit and will bloom in the garden profusely all summer long. A great many flower stems are sent up, each bearing an average of 12 flowers, and we have seen as many as 50 to 60 flowers on a plant at one time. Added to this it has the strongest and finest clove fragrance of any Carnation. We claim for it superiority to any other Carnation in three particulars, namely: color, fragrance and profusion of bloom. From a few plants one may cut flowers every day during the summer and fall, and when brought inside it still continues blooming all winter.

Pure Gold—Beautiful large flower, borne on long, stiff stems. Exquisite fragrance, petals deeply serrated, and color dark yellow with a few faint marks of pink.

Torch—Extra large flower, brilliant scarlet in color, and borne on stems 4 feet long. Petals beautifully fringed.

Cen'l Maceo—Very full, deeply fringed flowers, 2½ to 2¾ in. in diameter, on stiff, wiry stems, 12 to 18 in long, under ordinary culture. Under extra culture, bloom 3 in. in diameter, on 18-in. stems, may be grown. Ground color, deep, brilliant scarlet, heavily overlaid maroon-black, making one of the darkest and richest shades yet seen in Carnations.

20c. each; the 6 for $1.00.

Carnation Seed, Monthly or Perpetual—Mixed. Finest hybridized seed of grandest sorts as here offered. 15c. per pkt. For other Carnations, see page 12.

Everblooming Cape Jessamine.

This grand novelty does not differ from the common Cape Jessamine or Gardenia except *it blossoms all the year round*, while the old sort blossoms only for a short time in the spring. The flowers of this are very large and perfect with pure white wax-like petals and glorious fragrance. Large, double and surpassingly lovely. A good plant will show flowers every day in the year, and it is an easy thing to manage, growing well as a window plant. 50c. each.

Midwinter Chrysanthemum.

This new Chrysanthemum seldom blooms at the regular time in autumn, but withholds its glorious blossoms until February, March and April, when they are produced 2 or 3 at time, so that a plant is in full perfection of bloom for many weeks. Blossoms of enormous size, perfectly double, and in color a blush tinted white when first open, changing next day to a pure snow white. In size and shape it is one of the grandest flowers ever seen, and flowering as they do in midwinter, lasting well beyond Easter makes them most desirable. Plants of dwarf stout habit, admirably suited to pot culture. Strong plants 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

CHOICE CHRYSANTHEMUM SEED.

Chrysanthemums are very easily grown from seed, and flower abundantly the first season. It is no trouble at all to grow them and they are sure to flower beautifully in October and November from spring sown seed. Every plant raised will produce a flower of a different color and character, no two will ever be alike, and among them there will be many exceptionally beautiful and valuable varieties.

Mixed, All Colors—10c. pkt.

Extra Choice, Mixed—Saved only from the finest named sorts, carefully hand fertilized. Pkt., 20c.

New Early Chrysanthemums.

We take much pleasure in introducing a set of grand early flowering Chrysanthemums of our own raising. They will be in bloom early in October, yet they are as large in size, beautiful and double in shape as the finest of the late varieties. They are, indeed, an acquisition.

Lilac Queen—Light lilac, very large, double and full.

Giant Pink—Enormous size, very double, finely incurved and of the loveliest pink color; greatest and best pink.

Golden Harvest—Largest Japanese, richest golden yellow.

Rose Perfection—Large, rosy pink; exquisite color.

Gov. Roosevelt—Finest incurved Japanese golden yellow; by far the earliest and best of all early yellow sorts.

Earliest White—Very early, large, double and fine. Dwarf habit, compact and takes but little room. Pure white.

These 6 extra early sorts, 20c. each; the 6 for 75c.

5 Rare Chrysanthemums.

From the large list of new 'Mums we select the following recently introduced as being the most remarkable, distinct and beautiful. They are really marvels in their way.

Black Douglas—(POMPON)—Color almost black, while the tip of each petal shows a glint of gold, making the whole blossom appear as if sprinkled with gold dust.

Philadelphia—Flowers of enormous size, as round as a ball, pure white with a delicate shadowy tinge of lemon, giving the flower a peculiar translucent effect.

Wm. Simpson—The best pink and largest flower of its color. Flowers have been grown that measure 11 inches across. Early and a fine robust grower. Color, a most exquisite shade of pink, of indescribable loveliness.

Uncle Sam—A fine large flower with long wavy petals of a rosy lilac color, striped and bordered with white. It is the finest and most distinctly striped variety.

Good Gracious—Probably the very largest flower of any Chrysanthemum. As large as a man's hat and double to the very center. Petals quilled and irregular. Three different colors, pink, white and yellow.

15c. each; the 5 for 50c.

Ostrich Plume Chrysanthemums.

Very beautiful with petals covered with a feathery-like substance. These 3 are the best.

C. B. Freeman—Soft plumy flower of rich golden color.

Mrs. Higginbotham—Elegant large ostrich plume of a soft downy pink. Petals broad and plush-like.

Mrs. W. J. Godfrey—Pure snow-white, large and double and very hairy: best white sort.

15c. each; the 3 for 35c.

Chinese Hibiscus.

Where can we find a more striking plant than this, with its glossy leaves and huge flaming flowers of satin-like texture? Summer or winter, it is always budding and blooming, and, if it becomes too large for the window, can be wintered in the cellar. Pots of Hibiscus are extra fine for piazza or balcony, and for bedding out in summer.

Cigantea—A graceful single-flowered variety, with wide-opened flowers eight and ten inches across, and of the most vivid crimson-scarlet. Indescribably rich and striking as a flaming torch; sure to please all.

Peachblow—This is one of the finest plant novelties offered in recent years. The flowers are double, and from four to five inches in diameter; of a charming, rich, clear pink color, with a small, deep crimson center; an entirely new and most beautiful shade; it blooms abundantly and continuously, even on small plants.

Carminiatus—Full round flower, of perfect shape, and of a rich, soft carmine-rose, with deep crimson eye.

Auriantica—Large, double, orange-colored flowers.

Versicolor—Finely striped crimson, buff, rose and white.

Cooperia—Crimson flowers, and superb foliage, marbled in three colors, white, rose and green. Very ornamental.

Minneatus—As gorgeous and fine as the best Pæony, and fully as large. Bush blooms when but a foot high. Blossoms a burning crimson, very double.

Chrysantha—Blooms perpetually with large flowers, five and six inches in diameter, flat and saucer-like, of a clear, bright canary yellow, with black eye or center.

Fine plants, 20c. *each*; 3 *for* 50c.; *the* 8 *for* $1.00.

Seed—Splendid mixture of all Chinese Hibiscus, 10c. per pkt. Seedlings grow rapidly and bloom quickly.

Hydrangea.

Superb and easily managed tub plants, blooming when very small, and growing larger and finer each year. Their immense, close panicles of bloom are wonderfully showy, and they last in perfection for months.

Rosea—Rose color, turning to blue. Very large and profuse.

Thos. Hogg—Much like above, but quite white.

Red Branched—This new variety, with heads of bloom as large as a water pail, is of unusual value, commencing to bear its enormous trusses of deep, rosy-pink bloom, while yet very small, and increases constantly in size and profusion of bloom. The stems and branches are dark purplish-red, which, with the fresh green leaves, set off the clouds of rosy bloom admirably.

Mariesi—A distinct novelty. In growth it resembles Red Branched, but in color of flower is entirely distinct. It has immense size bloom, fully twice the size of Rosea, or Thos. Hogg. Color, a beautiful pink, tinted mauve. A grand, good thing.

20c. *each*; *the* 4 *for* 60c.

Seed of all the finest Hydrangeas Mixed, 10c. per pkt.

Boston Ferns.

The finest decorative plants in cultivation, and in addition to the well-known standard variety, we are able to offer several new and most unique varieties. All are as robust, vigorous and as easily grown as the original Boston Fern.

Boston Fern—(ORIGINAL)—Of all decorative plants for house culture this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room, even if out of the sun's rays. No Fern is so good in this respect. Plants form an immense number of graceful, drooping fronds, varying in length from two to five feet, and always of a fresh, healthy, and beautiful green color. These fronds keep in perfect condition for years. We cannot too highly recommend it. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Pigmy Boston Fern—A plant makes a dense mass of hundreds of beautiful fronds no wider than one's finger, which grow to a considerable length, and curve most gracefully. For small pots and baskets it is the finest thing yet introduced. Grows readily in any window or on a veranda in the open air, and it is an object of exquisite beauty the whole year, summer and winter. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Stag Horn Boston Fern—Elegant broad fronds the edges being flattened and divided into many wide prongs resembling a stag's horn. The most unique and beautiful of all Boston Ferns. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

Pierson's Boston Fern—Immense wavy fronds, of the Ostrich Plume type, but longer and more beautifully feathered. It was first introduced year before last, and created a real sensation. Without doubt it is the most magnificent Fern grown, and possesses all the hardy, robust, and easy growing qualities peculiar to the common Boston Fern, and all its varieties. We have a fine stock of very fine plants. 35c. each; 3 for $1.00.

For 90c. we will send one fine plant of each.

Two Fine Ferns.

Climbing Fern—A highly beautiful and valuable Fern which produces a slender, graceful vine that will grow up 4 or 5 feet in a window, showing a mass of lovely foliage. As an ornamental foliage vine it is one of the best. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Holly Fern—Foliage thick and heavy, dark shining green like Holly leaves, hence its name. Fronds perfectly immense, 2 to 3 feet long, wide and handsome and last for years, standing dust and heat, gas and other unfavorable conditions. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Fresh Fern Balls.

These are large, basket-like bunches of Fern roots interwoven with moss. When suspended in a window, and watered, elegant green foliage starts out from every side, top and bottom, making a highly ornamental object and one that keeps fresh and green for years. Grows well in sun or partial shade, and is a novel and beautiful object. These Fern Balls are made in Japan, and we import them every year. Greatest success is had with strictly fresh stock.

Little Monarch—(Air Fern)—A small Fern Ball but very closely woven, and contains a great quantity of eyes which produce a luxuriant growth of extra fine fronds, which stand out well and make the most beautiful effect. This is a complete novelty, and we assure our friends it will be a great treat. We can offer it at the very low price of 30c. each; 4 for $1.00, by mail.

Japanese Standard—The standard, or ordinary Fern Ball. 50c. each, by mail.

Giant—These are very large Fern Balls, too large to mail and are sent only by express. 75c. each.

LITTLE MONARCH FERN BALL.

BRIDAL VEIL, OR GENISTA MONOSPERMA.

One of the Rarest and Most Beautiful Flowering Plants Known.

A hard-wooded plant suitable for pot culture, or it may be grown in the open ground in any latitude south of New York, and will grow from 3 to 6 feet high according to accommodations given it. This odd plant has no leaves but produces long, graceful, needle-like green branches which droop in copious masses like drapery. It has several blooming periods each year at which time every stem and branch robes itself in clusters of charming snow-white blossoms, the whole drooping in an exquisite wavy mass and is appropriately called the "Bridal Veil." Our cut is from a photograph, but it is impossible to give an adequate impression of the beauty and profusion of a flowering plant. The fragrance of the flower is the richest and most pleasing to be found and a blooming spray cut and dried will retain its delicious fragrance for years, and will impart to a drawer of linen a fragrance which no perfumer can imitate or equal. As a pot or tub plant it is as easily grown as an Oleander or Hydrangea and will succeed anywhere in open ground where the winters are not too severe. This plant has been known a hundred years, but seen only in the gardens of Kings and Princes. It has never been generally introduced because it is almost impossible to propagate it.

Strong 2 year-old plants, $1.00 each.

Seed, per packet of 5 seeds, 20c.

Phœnix Roebelini.

The newest, and in every respect the finest and most beautiful Palm grown. It has the graceful and beautiful foliage of Cocos Weddelliana, but ten times as much of it, and it is the hardiest and most easily grown of all Palms, and just the one that will succeed admirably in any window. Nothing can surpass it as a decorative plant. The whole world has gone wild over it, and it has recently sold as high as $100 each. We have the only large stock of it in America.

Fine 2 year old plants, $2.00 each. 3 year old plants, $4.00 each.
Fresh Seed, 60c. per pkt.

Palm Seed.

Palms are easily grown from seed, and make fine plants in a comparatively short time. Per Pkt.

Mixed Sorts—Many varieties..... 20
Filifera or Weeping—Very fine and easily grown..... 10
Seaforthia Elegans—One of the finest and best known..... 15
Phœnix Reclinata–Elegant curved fronds of great size..... 10
Phœnix Canariensis..... 10

Beautiful Palms.

Palms are the finest of all decorative or foliage plants, and no window garden is now complete without a few. The following are the hardiest and best.

Filifera or Weeping Palm—One of the best window Palms, needs no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves, of a rich, dark, leathery green, picturesquely fringed with long, thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower, well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a centre in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All plants of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. Strong plants, 20c. each: 3 for 50c. Seed, per paper, 10c.

Cocos Weddelliana—One of the most elegant and graceful little Palms that has ever been introduced. The plant is dwarf and very neat; leaves whitish-green on the under side, arching most gracefully, 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Kentia Fosteriana—An elegant decorative Palm of easy culture, and should be included in every collection of house plants. 25c. each.

Areca Lutescens—Beautiful, graceful, hardy. One of the very best. 25c. each.

One fine plant each of the above 4 for $1.00.

Baby Primrose.

Plant is exceedingly graceful and ornamental, with slender flower stalks rising above the light green leaves, and bearing many dainty-colored flowers. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant is always in bloom. The foliage grows in a tufty, compact mass, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown in window gardens and apartments. Beautiful for cutting. One of the most charming pot plants grown.

Seed—10c. per pkt.

Plants—Fine blooming plants, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Obconica or Monarch Primroses.

These are the new large-flowering Obconica-Sinensis Hybrids of various colors, as large and fine as Primula Sinensis. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. They bloom very quickly from seed, and the large showy blossoms are borne constantly for a year, and when we realize that these flowers are as large as P. Sinensis, and almost as varied in colors, their great value is at once apparent. Plants very vigorous and easily grown as a Geranium.

Seed—All Colors Mixed, 15c. per pkt.

Plants Mixed—Fine healthy stock, ready to bloom, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Purity—Extra large and fine. Pure white.

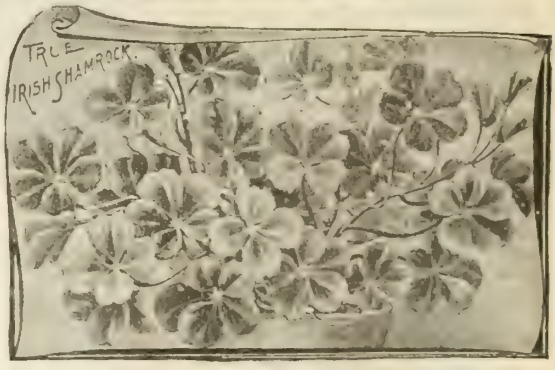
Ruby—Rich deep crimson.

Gigantea—Light rose, slightly striped darker. Extra large and fine fimbriated flower.

Sea Shell—Bright deep pink.

Tinted Queen—Extra large fimbriated flower, beautifully and delicately tinted blush. A superb sort.

Above superb named sorts, 25c. each; the 5 for $1.00.



True Irish Shamrock.

We are glad to be able to offer the true Shamrock, as so many spurious plants have been called Shamrock and sold as such. This stock is genuine and thoroughly acclimated, having been grown here several years. A very beautiful pot plant with dark chocolate and green foliage. Each stem with 4 to 5 leaves like 4-leaf clover. A lovely foliage plant that attracts great attention. 25c. each; 3 for 60c. We will take the plants back and return money if purchaser after seeing it is not satisfied it is the true Shamrock.

"NORMA"
TINTED GOLD.
"MARJORIE"
"WHITE GEM"

Finest Roses.

These Roses are comparatively new, and beyond doubt the very finest everbloomers that have yet been introduced.

Norma—Norma is a Rose at once unique and valuable, having the vigor, strength and hardiness of a Hybrid Perpetual, an enormous flower like the American Beauty, and the perpetual blooming qualities of a Tea Rose. One of the grandest Roses ever introduced, either for the garden or for pots. Its fragrance is superb, and its color an exquisite shade of pink, which no one can adequately describe. Mr. P. H. Meehan, the originator, says of it: "The color is distinct, the same exquisite pink as Mad. Caroline Testout. Growth extra strong, perfectly hardy, having stood 16 degrees below zero. Leaves very healthy and strong, flowers as large as American Beauty, very double, and a constant bloomer. 30c. each.

Tinted Gold—A most beautiful large cupped blossom, pure snow-white, with a center richly tinted with gold. In size and beauty it is one of the grandest Tea Roses, if not the very finest yet introduced. Free and robust grower, and a prodigious bloomer. One of the finest novelties we ever offered, and the best white Rose. 25c. ea.

Winter Gem—A Tea Rose of remarkably strong and vigorous growth, and a prodigious bloomer all the year. It flowers all the time, particularly during winter, hence its name. The blossoms are borne on long, graceful stems, are of large size, and a lovely crimson-pink color. Buds perfectly exquisite, and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, hardiest, most vigorous and rapid growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good Roses in the year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. The plant will bloom continually, and nothing but killing it outright will check it. The blossoms are singularly beautiful in shape, color and poise, and most deliciously scented. It is so strong and vigorous that it never mildews, and is a rapid grower, blooming at once. 30c. each.

La Detroit—A new Rose of remarkable coloring and beauty. A beautiful shell pink, shading in the center to light rose. Reverse of petals a creamy flesh tint, shading to silvery toward the base, and decidedly opalescent. Very rich, and a free bloomer; large, double flowers. 30c, ea.

General McArthur—Another grand Tea Rose, and the deepest, brightest colored one yet seen. Color so bright and intense as to rival a vivid crimson Tulip. Fine for both open ground and pot culture, and a free, constant bloomer. 30c. each.

Marjorie—A most beautiful combination of color on the yellowish order. Deep, coppery-yellow, mingled with, and passing to nasturtium red. No description can do justice to this exquisite combination of shades. Very beautiful buds. 25c. each.

Princess—A rich, dark red Tea Rose of great beauty. 25c, ea.

SPECIAL COLLECTION OF

CHOICE ROSES.

12 Everbloomers for 75c. These are the very best of the Tea or Everblooming class. 12 fine plants, 12 kinds, named, for 75c.

5 Hybrid Perpetuals for 60c. 5 finest sorts, named, including white, pink, crimson, etc., for 60c.

5 Hybrid Teas for 60c. 5 of the best sorts, named, all different colors, for 60c.

5 Everblooming Climbers for 60c. Best kinds, named, all different colors, for 60c.

5 Hardy Climbers for 60c. All different, including Crimson Rambler, for 60c.

The 5 collections, 25 Roses, for $1.00

ROSE, CRIMSON RAMBLER.

Large Rose Bushes.

Dormant 1 and 2 year old plants, from open ground.

We have about abandoned the growing of Roses as green plants. The magnificent new varieties offered in opposite column are all we are growing this year. This for the reason that we can now supply strong dormant bushes from the open ground at a very low price. To the planter such stock is worth 10 times as much as the small green plants usually sold at about 10 cents each.

The plants here offered have been grown one or two years in the nursery and are large, strong and vigorous, ready for immediate and an abundance of bloom.

Hybrid Perpetual Roses.

Flowers of very great size and beauty, produced in great profusion in spring, and to a considerable extent all summer. Their tall, erect habit fits them for ornamental hedges, centres of large Rose beds, or clumps of shrubbery. Perfectly hardy in the open ground in all locations.

General Jacqueminot—Large, velvety flowers, of the most intense maroon-scarlet, each set in a cluster of rich green leaves. Blooms repeatedly through the summer and fall, and is the most popular Rose grown.

Paul Neyron—Immense double flowers, of a shining carmine-pink. The largest Rose grown; prefectly grand.

Anna de Diesbach—A superb flower, of immense size. Rich, dazzling crimson.

Coquette des Blanches—Very double and perfect, blooming in large clusters. Snowy-white.

Prince Camille de Rohan—Plenty of name and plenty of Rose. Flowers, crimson-black, very large and velvety.

Magna Charta—Extra large and full; bright rosy-pink.

Mrs. John Laing—A constant bloomer from spring until after hard frosts, and its flowers are simply faultless in shape and outline. Every petal is like a perfect shell, while the color is the most exquisite silvery-pink.

Strong bushes, 25c. each; the 7 for $1.50.

Hardy Climbing Roses.

Crimson Rambler—This will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, the flowers appearing in great panicles, as large as a man's hat, and of a deep, rich crimson color, like blood-colored velvet. The flowers, when cut, last two weeks in water, and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar Rose, as a trellis Rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down, it will form a bed of itself. Cut back, it is a magnificent pot Rose for the window.

White Rambler—Much like the above, but pure white.

Pink Rambler—Large clusters. Rosy-pink, suffused white.

Yellow Rambler—Very sweet, 35 to 40 flowers in a cluster. Clear lemon-yellow.

Strong bushes, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Moss Roses.

The Moss Rose is the acknowledged queen of all Roses. The moss-covered stems and buds show off the delicate loveliness of the blossoms to great advantage. They are perfectly hardy in any location.

Bright Scarlet. **Deep Pink.** **Pure White.**

ALTHEA.

Hardy Ornamental Flowering Shrubs.

Nothing can take the place of Shrubbery for the lawn, for hedges and specimen clumps. Shrubs thrive in any situation, are beautiful all summer, producing some of the choicest out-door blossoms. The list here offered is a select one, including only the very finest and most desirable new or rare and choice sorts.

Azalea Mollis—(HARDY)—Among the rarest and choicest of all garden flowers. Great flaming masses of bloom are produced by these new Hardy Azaleas, making a show the glory of which one cannot describe. Suffice it to say that the blossoms are often larger than the hot-house Azaleas, and more brilliant and fiery in colors, scarlet, red, orange, yellow, pink, etc., often flamed and variegated in a lovely manner. Perfectly hardy anywhere in the U. S. and the most brilliant flowering shrub known.

Azalea Amonea—A lovely hardy evergreen Azalea with beautiful foliage, and fine compact bushy growth. In May or June the plants are densely covered with rich violet-red blossoms, which are exceedingly showy. Every leaf and twig is hidden by the quantity of flowers.

Althea—A fine tall-growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy double flowers that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting or growing upon the lawn. In Europe this is the most popular of all flowering shrubs.

Calycanthus Florida—The "Sweet Shrub" so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pineapple fragrance of which one never tires, and a spray of them will perfume a whole room.

CALYCANTHUS.

Berberis Thunbergi—Flowers followed by bright red berries, which remain on the bushes all winter and are exceedingly ornamental.

Clematis Davidiana—(BUSH CLEMATIS)—This is a lovely species of Clematis, growing in a bush form three or four feet high, and yielding through the summer great panicles of lovely blue flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and very fragrant. The foliage is large and luxuriant, and the plant is, all in all, one of exceptional beauty. It is perfectly hardy in any locality.

Kerra Japonica, fl. pl.—This grand shrub blooms in May, producing hundreds of large double Dahlia-like flowers, of brightest yellow. One of the most showy of all easily grown shrubs, and one of the few that bear double blossoms.

Japan Judas, Pink—A shrub which blooms in early spring, before its leaves start, the flowers are pea shaped, clinging close to the branches and in such profusion that every branch is a solid wreath of bloom. Color dark rosy red. Showy.

Japan Judas, White—Like the above, but pure white in color. There is no shrub more beautiful than the Judas, blooming very early and so profusely.

PRICE.—All Shrubs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00; or $1.50 per dozen. Extra large specimens by express (too large to mail,) 30c. each; $2.50 per dozen.

Deutzia Lemoinei—This is the greatest recent novelty in flowering shrubs. It makes a low compact bush which in June is loaded down with large, round, snowball-like clusters of pure white flowers. We know of nothing more beautiful for the garden, yet it has the added merit of being a grand pot plant for winter blooming. It is not too large for a pot and blossoms very finely at any time during winter. It is becoming very popular for Easter.

Deutzia Gracilis Rosea—A lovely new shrub of low compact growth, which is when in bloom a perfect bouquet of dense, delicate sprays of a lovely rosy pink color. Elegant for pots in winter as it forces well.

Daphne Cneorum—A hardy shrub which trails over the ground in a most beautiful manner. Extra fine for any position, and being evergreen it is the most desirable plant we know for cemeteries. The plant is composed of spiral branches of dense evergreen leaves. The flowers are a lovely pink color, in clusters, and are borne profusely in early spring, and during summer and fall.

Forsythia, or Golden Bell—Very early in the spring, while yet leafless, the Golden Bell hangs out its rows of drooping, bright golden bells. The leaves that come later are of a dark, almost myrtle green, turning early in fall to a rich bronzy purple, and remaining long on the bush in that condition. The bush grows rapidly, and forms a weeping fountain four to six feet high. One of our best shrubs.

Trifoliate Orange—A new hardy Orange. This is the most hardy of the Orange family, and will stand our northern climate with little or no protection. In the parks of both New York and Philadelphia it is growing luxuriantly, and blooming and fruiting profusely. Think of it, you can have an Orange tree growing, blooming and fruiting on your lawn or yard. It is dwarf, of low, symmetrical growth, with beautiful trifoliate glossy-green leaves, and abundance of large white blossoms. The fruit is small, bright orange-red in color. The fine appearance of the plant, with its constant habit of blooming, and showy fruit, combine to make a shrub of peculiar beauty.

Fern Leaf Tree—A beautiful tree of a low shrubby growth, making a superb large foliage shrub. Its leaves are like beautiful fern fronds, so finely laciniated and graceful, often two feet in length by ten inches in width. Color very dark green while the stems are dark ebony red. It also bears large bunches of red berries, and in autumn the leaves color very brightly at the touch of frost. It is one of the very finest ornamental shrubs in cultivation. It is hardy and robust and succeeds in any situation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the yard or lawn it is grand.

HYDRANGEA. PANICULATA.

Hydrangea Paniculata—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish toward the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.

Rhododendron Seedlings—The noblest of all shrubs. Of imposing size, broad, thick, shining foliage of great beauty all the year, crowned in early summer with large nosegay-like clusters of superbly beautiful pink and white flowers. Perfectly hardy, and succeeds everywhere but in limestone regions. There ought to be hundreds of thousands of this grand shrub planted, for there is nothing finer.

SPIREA ANTHONY WATERER.

Spirea, Anthony Waterer—A perpetual bloomer, and suitable either for garden or pots. It is of a dwarf habit, flowering profusely when only a few inches in height, and at all times and seasons. The flowers are of a lovely dark crimson-red color, borne in dense clusters, and have a peculiar feathery appearance which is beautiful.

Spirea, Bumalda—Blooms all summer. Fine feathery clusters of a beautiful light pink or blush color. Fine.

Spirea, Reevesiana, fl. pl.—A glorious shrub. Each long, graceful, wavy branch produces hundreds of lovely double pink-white flowers in compact clusters. Nothing among shrubs is more beautiful than this.

Spirea, Prunifolia—This bears large upright spirals of densely crowded double white flowers. Each blossom is like a miniature rose, and they appear by the million. Grand beyond description.

Snowberry—A lovely old shrub of our grandmothers' gardens. An abundance of pink blossoms in June followed by lovely round white or pink berries which cling to the bushes all winter and are exceedingly attractive.

Syringa, Golden Leaved—The finest of all the Mock Oranges. Flowers like Orange blossoms, borne in elegant sprays and great profusion, while its fragrance is unsurpassed. The foliage instead of being green is a most elegant golden-yellow, which makes the bush as ornamental as most of the best foliage plants. Decidedly one of the most magnificent of all shrubs.

Syringa, Double—A double-flowered form of the lovely old fragrant Syringa. Blossoms snow-white, double like roses, very fragrant and borne in profusion.

Sweet Pea Shrub—The shrub of shrubs for bouquet makers. When in bloom it is really a big bouquet itself, so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blooms, to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but their color is more beautiful.

Tamarix Africana—A curious shrub, unlike any other. Slender growth, covered with peculiar, fine, feathery foliage. In spring it is a mass of spray-like blossoms of a clear lovely pink.

Weigelia, Eva Rathke—A grand New Everblooming Weigelia, producing great quantities of bloom all the season, in magnificent clusters on the terminal branches. Color, deep, rich blood red, the finest color yet seen among Weigelias. A really valuable novelty.

Weigelia, Rosea Variegata—Leaves light green heavily variegated with creamy yellow, making a charming effect, but when its myriads of long, tubular, rose-colored blossoms are out, bending every branch to the ground, we see one of the most magnificent flowers in cultivation.

For Prices of all Shrubs see page 116.

New Double Lilacs.

Those who have never seen the double Lilac have yet in store one of the greatest floral treats. The Rose in all its beauty cannot surpass the loveliness and fragrance of these great compact clusters of miniature rose-like blossoms.

Md. Lemoine—Pure white; immense clusters, fragrant and lovely beyond description.

Pres. Grevy—Rosy-blue, delicate and lovely. Very double.

Souv. de Chibault—Deep, rich purplish red; a grand sort.

NEW SINGLE LILACS.

These are the newest, largest and finest sorts known.

Marie Le Cray—Pure white. Immense size.

Souv. de Spath—Deep red, purple shaded. Very handsome.

40c. each; any 3 for $1.00; the 5 for $1.50.

DOUBLE SNOWBALL.

Japanese Tree Lilac.

This wonderful new Lilac from Japan, grows to a tree, symmetrical tree, 30 feet high, yet it blooms well when only a shrub, like other Lilacs. The flowers are pure white, and borne in immense clusters, often more than two feet in length. ¶ One may easily imagine the effect such gigantic clusters of bloom may have on a shrub, but when the tree has attained its full growth of 30 feet, and bears these grand compound clusters by the 100, it must be seen to be fully appreciated. It is perfectly hardy and a vigorous grower everywhere. Blooms in July, after all other Lilacs have faded. We can offer young, thrifty plants at 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

Magnolia Grandiflora.

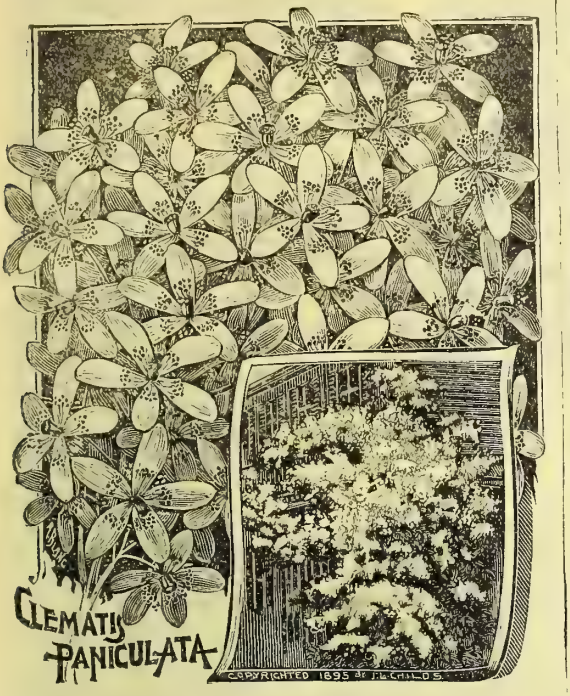
The Queen of flowering trees. It attains the size of a large tree, with enormous foliage, which is glossy and wax-like and evergreen. In early summer its enormous flowers are produced, creamy-white, fully a foot across, and wonderfully fragrant. The tree is hardy as far north as New York, and may be seen growing in the parks of that city and Brooklyn. There is no grander object in vegetation than this giant Magnolia. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Snowball.

New Double White—Grand new variety from Japan, having large, compact balls, formed of white blossoms as double and perfect as Roses. A great bloomer and sure to create a sensation wherever seen. It is impossible to imagine anything more beautiful than a shrub of this Snowball loaded with its great, drooping balls of double snow-white flowers. It is a sight which all will stop to enjoy. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

HARDY FLOWERING VINES.

On this page we offer the best Hardy Flowering Vines—such as may be planted in the ground for screening porches, windows, summer houses, etc., and which are perfectly hardy in any State, and sure to flourish and increase in size and beauty each year.



Clematis.

The finest vine in existence for small trellises or piazza pillars. Used also to cover rock work, mounds, stumps, etc., or can be used as a low trailer, pegging its shoots down to the ground. Foliage neat, habit graceful, and for a month a solid sheet of bloom, the large, starry flowers actually hiding the foliage. The flowers are from 4 to 9 inches across, extremely showy. All of these are perfectly hardy.

Ramona—A strong, rampant grower, fully three times as strong as Jackmanni, often growing ten feet the first season. It is a perpetual bloomer, flowers appearing both on the old and the new wood, giving an abundance of blooms all through the season. In color a fine deep sky-blue, lovely and distinct from any other. In size the flowers surpass anything we have ever seen. 60c.

Henryi—This is the finest of all white Clematis, and should find a place in every collection. It is not only a vigorous grower, but is a remarkably free and continuous bloomer, beginning with the earliest and holding on with the latest. Flowers large, of a beautiful creamy white, 60c.

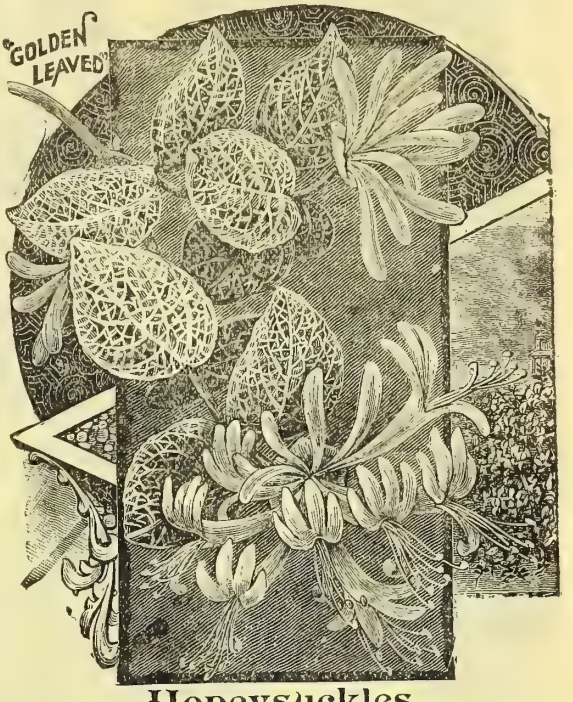
Jackmanni—This is perhaps the best known of the fine perpetual Clematis, and should have credit for the great popularity now attending this family of beautiful climbers. The plant is free in its form of growth, and an abundant and successful bloomer, producing flowers until frozen up. The flowers are large and of an intense violet-purple, remarkable for its velvety richness. 50c.

Md. Edward Andre—As large and free as Jackmanni, but its color is novel and distinct, being a fine dull crimson or red. The only variety of the red shades among large-flowered Clematis. 60c.

Paniculata—Clean, thrifty, robust growing vine, of graceful habit, with attractive glossy green foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow-white bloom of the most delicious fragrance. No other vine so completely covers itself with flowers. An arbor or portico over which this Clematis is trained is a wall of white for the time being, and what makes it the more striking is that nearly all other vines have ceased blooming at that time. The panicles of bloom are very pretty for cutting, the star-like florets, with their feathery stamens, appearing to fine advantage, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Coccinea—A lovely sort, producing an abundance of handsome vine and a great profusion of large, rosy-scarlet, bell-shaped flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and useful for all sorts of decoration. It blooms all summer long. Fine plants for blooming at once. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Crispa—Much like Coccinea, except its color is a fine blue tipped with white. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Honeysuckles.

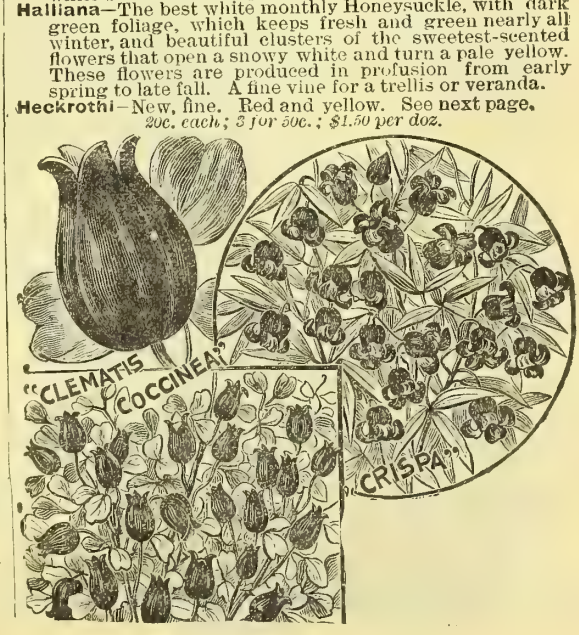
The dear old Honeysuckle is never out of place, at the rich man's mansion or the poor man's cottage. For a cheap, hardy, robust, yet lovely vine, it is the chief standby. Flowers exceedingly beautiful and very fragrant.

Golden-Leaved—Marvelously effective. It bears innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a net-work of gold and green, often marked with pink also. The gold deepens at the tip of the sprays and there is nothing finer to combine with corsage bouquets, while for trimming floral baskets they are the finest thing we know of. A strong grower, with white blooms. A unique vine.

Halliana—The best white monthly Honeysuckle, with dark green foliage, which keeps fresh and green nearly all winter, and beautiful clusters of the sweetest-scented flowers that open a snowy white and turn a pale yellow. These flowers are produced in profusion from early spring to late fall. A fine vine for a trellis or veranda.

Heckrothi—New, fine. Red and yellow. See next page.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; $1.50 per doz.



New Wistarias.

This favorite vine in early spring is covered with great massive clusters, sometimes two feet long, of lovely pea-shaped flowers. May also be trained to grow in erect, bush form.

Sinensis Magnifica—Clusters of lovely blue flowers produced in great masses. 15c. each. Seed, 10c.

Alba—A mass of white flowers, clusters of bloom reaching two feet in length. Nothing can be more magnificent than this as it will cover the entire side of a building or veranda and produce thousands of clusters of its magnificent racemes of bloom. Makes a fine standard or tree form by pinching back. 25c. each; 3 for 60c. Seed, 20c.

Multijuja—Delicate lavender-blue flowers of large size, in clusters two feet or more in length. Like Alba, except in color, and a fine companion to it. 25c. each.

Sinensis Double—Immense clusters of large double violet blue blossoms. This is perfectly grand, the clusters of bloom being like great drooping bouquets of double violets. Makes a fine bush as well as climber. Plants, 30c. Seed, 20c. per pkt.

New Perpetual Blooming—Of all grand novelties we are introducing this year, or have ever introduced, this is one of the most important and valuable. This Wistaria will actually bloom all summer, from May to September. It is also of remarkably clean, healthy foliage, and a very rapid and graceful grower. In beauty of growth it is far ahead of any other sort; its clean foliage and numerous slender branches, drooping everywhere, add greatly to the charm of the blossoms. These are produced in horizontal or upright clusters, many clusters appearing on each branch in close proximity to each other. The vine is a rapid grower, reaching 15 to 20 feet in a season, and is without an equal for screening, shading, or for festooning buildings, verandas, summer-houses, old trees or fences. Flowers, blue, and borne profusely, even on small cutting plants, not more than 2 feet tall. Having a fine large stock, we can offer strong healthy plants, from open ground, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

One vine each of the 5 for $1.00.

WISTARIA SEED—All sorts mixed, 15c. per pkt.

Japanese Jewel Vine.

MOST MAGNIFICENT VINE KNOWN.

This new vine from Japan is one of the finest things we have ever grown. It is of the Vitis family, though it seems to resemble the Boston Ivy in habit. It is perfectly hardy, and suitable for trellises, pillars, lattices, porches, stumps, etc. It makes a rapid growth, though in no respect coarse; its habit being extremely graceful and refined. It branches freely and produces a quantity of foliage, completely covering the object over which it climbs. The stems of the young vines are a beautiful pink color, while the leaves are light-green, freely marbled, blotched and variegated with pure white. The clusters of seed berries are a rich purple, the whole making a most charming effect. It is not only beautiful all summer, but when frost has colored the foliage it is simply superb, and a most attractive autumn ornament. For a hardy, out-door vine, there is nothing so beautiful as this. Strong plants, 30c. each; 3 for $1.00.

New Belgian Sweet-Scented Honeysuckle (Heckrotti)

A magnificent New Honeysuckle—the finest yet produced—remarkable for the large size and delicious fragrance of its flowers, dark, rich red and creamy-yellow, a healthy vigorous grower, and blooms continually the whole season. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Ampelopsis Veitchi.

The fashionable wall climber of the day. Clings tightly by suckers thrown out along the stem, to rock, brick, etc., and is a wall of living green the summer through, turning in autumn to a flaming crimson, when it is fairly gorgeous. It stands the dust and dry air of the city admirably. Nothing else can take its place. 15c. each; 5 for 50c; 12 for $1.00.

CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

The Fruit Garden is an indispensable part of any rural home. It is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most healthful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last winter Apples have gone. Juneberries, Cherries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Currants, Blackberries, Plums, Peaches, Pears, Grapes, etc., follow successively. They save expense, are luscious and convenient, and any place well stocked with fruits always finds a ready sale at a good price; they enhance its value often many times in excess of its cost.

We have for years made a specialty of Choice Fruit Novelties, and have introduced nearly all the leading sorts for ten years past. The variety here offered are all of recent introduction, and each and every one possesses great merit. The trees here offered are young and thrifty and will make a very rapid growth and bear quickly. When fruit trees or shrubs are received before they can be planted, they may be safely kept for any length of time by having the roots packed in boxes of moist soil and stored in a cool cellar or shed. It is important to order fruit early, that they may be planted out before the foliage starts.

At prices named, we send strong, robust young stock by mail, postpaid; but by express we can send much larger trees, especially Peaches, Apples, Plums, etc. Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as by express, as far as size is concerned. Our fruit stock is all vigorous and healthy, and whether you have it sent by mail or express, it will be sure to please you by its rapid and vigorous growth and early bearing.

No. 180.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Department of Agriculture.

Certificate of Inspection of Nursery Stock.

This is to certify that the stock in the nursery of John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, County of Nassau, State of New York, was duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Agricultural Law and it was found to be apparently free from any contagious or infectious disease or diseases, or the San Jose scale, or other dangerously injurious insect pest or pests.

Dated Oct. 20, 1904. Albany, N.Y.

C. A. WIETING,
Commissioner of Agriculture

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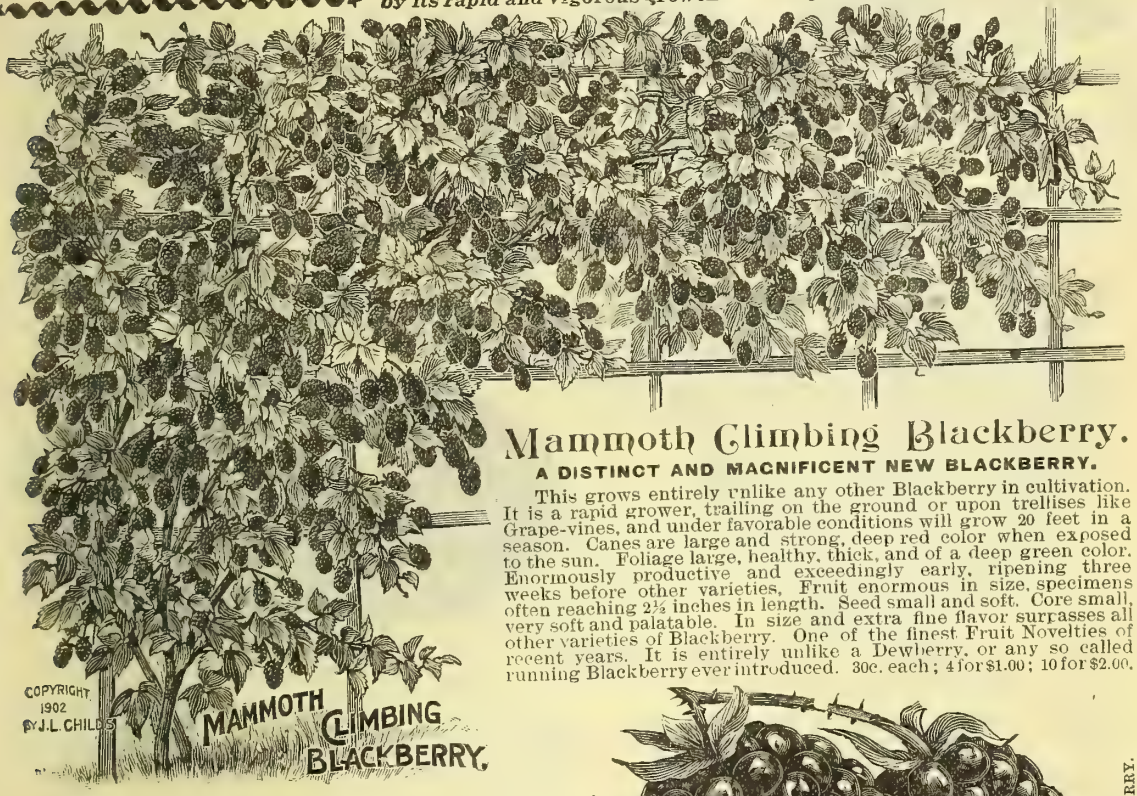


Mammoth Climbing Blackberry.

A DISTINCT AND MAGNIFICENT NEW BLACKBERRY.

This grows entirely unlike any other Blackberry in cultivation. It is a rapid grower, trailing on the ground or upon trellises like Grape-vines, and under favorable conditions will grow 20 feet in a season. Canes are large and strong, deep red color when exposed to the sun. Foliage large, healthy, thick, and of a deep green color. Enormously productive and exceedingly early, ripening three weeks before other varieties. Fruit enormous in size, specimens often reaching 2½ inches in length. Seed small and soft. Core small, very soft and palatable. In size and extra fine flavor surpasses all other varieties of Blackberry. One of the finest Fruit Novelties of recent years. It is entirely unlike a Dewberry, or any so called running Blackberry ever introduced. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00; 10 for $2.00.

The Gardena Dewberry.

A most wonderful Berry, ripening an immense crop of fruit several weeks ahead of anything else in the Blackberry line. In some locations it ripens in May. Large, firm, of superior flavor, and very attractive. A rampant grower and may be trellised like Grape-vines. Roots from tips like Cap Raspberries. Those who have grown it consider it to be the greatest berry ever introduced. It certainly is if extreme earliness, enormous productiveness and finest quality count for anything. A small cut can give no idea of its productiveness. It would take a very large photograph to do that. See colored sketch on cover. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00; 10 for $2.00.

GARDENA DEWBERRY.

SEE COLORED PLATE, INSIDE BACK COVER.

Finest Raspberries.

ne following are the best known varieties.

Salmon Cluster—A cap variety offered now for the first time. It is a vigorous and hardy sort, producing enormous crops of fruit, the berries being of a pure salmon or orange color, and borne in immense clusters. A really novel and superb sort.

Cardinal—A new berry of great merit. It is the most hardy and vigorous of all Raspberries, often growing 10 to 15 feet in a season, and standing any degree of frost and drought. It is propagated by tips, and its productiveness is most astonishing. We know of no variety that can compare with it at all. The berries are large, dark red, firm as to texture, with an agreeable, pure, rich flavor, which is brought to its highest perfection when canned or cooked. The most prolific of any berry known, the fruit fairly hanging in masses.

Souchet Everbearing White—An extra large berry, of a beautiful light amber, almost a pure white color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' All-summer, but it is better for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous, and a great cropper, both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact we think it is the finest flavored of all Raspberries, therefore, most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color contrasting with red or black varieties, makes a very appetizing dish when served together. In many respects this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

King—The earliest of all Raspberries, therefore particularly desirable. It is large, firm, of beautiful color, and very prolific. Far ahead of London or Miller, and other noted red sorts. A most desirable acquisition.

Columbian—A Raspberry of gigantic size, the canes growing to a height of 10 to 16 feet, strong and woody. Very hardy and vigorous. Fruit, large, dark red, with small seeds. A cap variety, never suckers; increased by tips.

Cuthbert—A very large, red variety of superb quality. It is an enormous yielder, and grows freely in any situation. It will adapt itself to any wild, or out of the way place, and makes a splendid wild berry, if one has not the time to give it culture.

Golden Queen—This is a sport of the Cuthbert, and is exactly like that excellent berry in all respect, except that its color, when ripe, is a fine, rich, golden yellow. It is of high quality.

Kansas—The King of all Black Cap berries. Medium, early; large size, great productiveness, excellent quality, and perfect hardiness, make it superior to any other variety.

$3.00 per 100. One each of the 8 sorts for 75c.; 3 of each for $1.75.

Finest Blackberries.

Mostly new and all very fine.

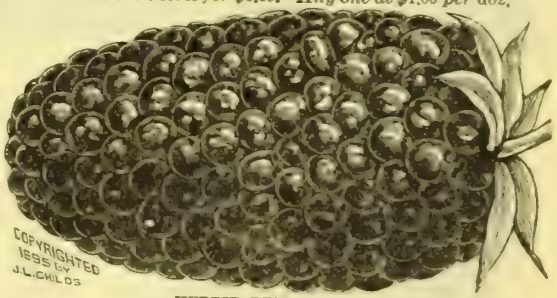
Rathbun—Surpassing any other variety. Two common quart boxes, one of Rathbun and one of the Snyder variety, were picked and counted. The basket of Rathbun was filled by 45 berries, while it required 164 berries of the Snyder to fill a quart. One of the Rathbun berries was, at the same time, measured and found to be 1⅝ inches long and 1¾ inches in diameter. A large proportion of the berries will measure from 1¼ to 1½ inches in length, and the whole crop is very uniform. The fruit of the Rathbun has no hard core, in fact no core is perceived in eating it. All is soft, sweet and luscious, with a high flavor. It is superior to all the well known varieties in cultivation in this quality. On this point it may be said that there is nothing more to be desired. The Rathbun was severely tested for hardiness during the winter of 1895-96, when, for several days the temperature was 20 degrees below zero, but did not kill the vines. The plant is a strong, erect grower, and, unlike most varieties, it produces but few suckers. It sends up a strong main stem, which branches freely. These branches curve over and downward till the tips touch the ground. Then later in the season they send out roots from the tips of the branches, and thus propagate themselves in the manner of a Black Cap Raspberry.

Everbearing Tree—For a Blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requiring no stakes. It grows five feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, straight and erect. The berries are of enormous size, borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth, without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing, and perfect hardiness in the coldest part of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use.

Iceberg—It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries. "Clusters larger than those of Lawton; berries at least as large; earlier, sweeter and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is, when ripe." No garden complete without this grand White Blackberry.

Sugarplum—A new Blackberry offered now for the first time. It is a prolific fruiter, with large, handsome berries, that are sweet and delicious beyond expression, having no core. No firmer berry ever grew. Begins ripening in July and continues in full bearing for fully two months. Iron-clad in hardiness. A superb novelty, and one we can highly recommend.

Price of above 4 finest Blackberries, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.; 3 each of the 4 sorts for $1.10. Any one at $1.00 per doz.



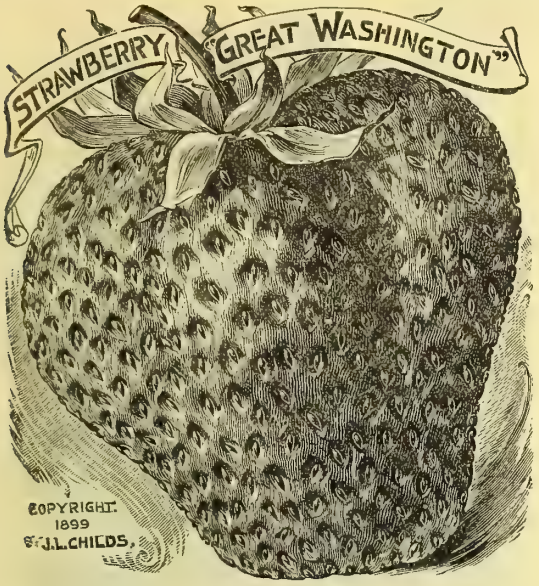
HYBRID BERRY, LOGAN

Logan Hybrid Berry.

A hybrid between a Blackberry and a red Raspberry. It is large in size and of a red color. In flavor it is rich, mingling both the taste of the Raspberry and Blackberry. Hardy, robust, a great bearer; ripening its fruit with the earliest Raspberry. It makes a splendid pot plant, and fruits well in winter, when grown that way. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Great Japanese Wineberry.

This fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are, from the time of formation and bloom until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr," which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe, the "burr" opens, exhibiting a large berry of the brightest light glossy scarlet, or wine color. The flavor is different from any other berry, being very sprightly, sweet and juicy. As a table fruit there is nothing finer; its delicious, sprightly flavor being most toothsome and refreshing, while for canning and preserving, the Wineberry is greatly superior to any other fruit. This berry has absolutely no insect enemies. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 15 for $1.00; 100 for $4.00.



Choice Strawberries.

Of all fruits known to cultivation, the Strawberry is conceded to be the most luscious, and is a universal favorite; yet it is not grown by one-half the people who might grow it just as well as not. It is but a few hours work to plant a Strawberry bed and care for it during the year, and no work can possibly yield a better return. Strawberries bought in the market are not to be compared with the luscious ruby beauties, fresh and ripe, from the vines. The following are the very best varieties in cultivation—the cream of all—including extra early, medium and late sorts.

The Strawberries we offer are all perfect flowered, and the finest varieties yet introduced.

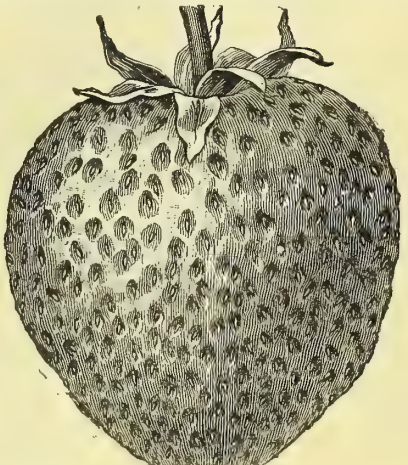
Great Washington—The real giant among big Strawberries This improved new sort originated in the State of Washington. Samples, which we received in February, were potted, and bore fruit in April. Several hundred plants planted out in April fruited fairly well, though no fruit was expected the first season. The berry is not only the very largest and handsomest in cultivation, but by all odds the best flavor. It is also a great cropper, and vines are extremely healthy and vigorous, a merit not possessed by any other very large sort. What more need be said? It is certainly one of the grandest Strawberries ever introduced. 75c. per doz.; $2.50 per 100; $20.00 per 1,000.

Drought King—The plant is a very rank grower; produces an abundance of runners, has fine green foliage, and, although tried on various soils, I have never seen the least sign of rust on it. Even our heaviest fogs, followed by hottest suns, seemed to have no effect. The fruit has all one could ask for in flavor; is of immense size, nice shape and elegant color. Its shipping qualities are the *best* and no matter how long off the vines fruit never seems to darken like other berries. As to yield, it is simply marvelous, and will, with proper care, produce *ten thousand* quarts per acre. Taking all points into consideration, I think it is one of the finest berries for the grower to plant. It certainly will resist dry weather as no other variety will. 50c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100.

Echo—The great table berry. It has the highest and richest flavor of all Strawberries. A very productive variety. Mid-season. Fruit large. Every fruit grower should have it in his garden. When you have fruited it you will never do without it. We have grown and fruited it two years, and it appears to us to be the FINEST BERRY YET INTRODUCED. It certainly has no equal in rich, sweet flavor, at the same time being very large and handsome. 60c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100; $12.00 per 1,000.

St. Antoine de Padoue—A new French variety of the large fruited type, which is absolutely an everbearer. Three years trial, and large pickings of luscious, red berries in September each year, has convinced us that this is all that is claimed for it. A superb fall fruiter, suitable for this climate. Fruit very large, finest flavor and handsome, and a very good yielder in spring, as well as in fall. This is far superior to St. Joseph or any of the former Everbearing sorts, and is a berry that will certainly fruit well all summer and fall and give great satisfaction. Fine plants, 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for $1.25; 100 for $7.00.

New York—After fruiting this berry another year, we find it still in the lead for large size, productiveness, and health and vigor of plant. As fruited here, the berries are large to very large, season of bloom medium; color, dark scarlet, changing to crimson when fully ripe; colors all over at once, no green sides or green tips. When the berry commences to ripen on one side, you will find it in the same stage of ripening all over. The quality is good. In growth of plant it is very large and stalky, and for health and vigor of plant, we have yet to see one that would surpass it. 60c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100; $15.00 per 1,000.



Morning Star.

THE GREATEST STRAWBERRY NOVELTY.

See colored sketch on cover.

Morning Star is the most remarkable berry, and was originated by M. T. Thompson, who first grew Lady Thompson. Morning Star is 10 days earlier than that extra early sort (Lady Thompson), twice as large, splendid color, good shipper, a long and continuous bearer, and about the finest flavored berry yet grown. In short, it has all the extra good qualities of later sorts, combining size, beauty, productiveness and flavor, with a ripening season fully a week or ten days earlier than any other. With all these advantages one can readily appreciate its value for both family and market use. There has been no fruit novelty in recent years so valuable as this. Offered last year for the first time, and introduced only by us. It is a strong, vigorous and healthy grower. 80c. per doz.; $5.00 per 100; $40.00 per 1,000.

SPECIAL OFFER—*6 plants each of all 6 fine Strawberries for $2.00. 12 plants each for $3.50, or 100 plants each for $12.00.*

MCKINLEY GRAPE.

New Grapes.

Everyone who has a bare fence, wall or outbuildings, or a few feet of vacant ground, can plant a few Grape vines and reap an annual harvest of luscious fruit.

Nectar or Black Delaware—The Nectar has more good qualities for the home garden than any other variety we know, of recent introduction. Being so remarkably free from mildew and rot, it is not easily affected by unfavorable climate conditions. It ripens with Moore's Early and can be left hanging to the vine till frozen without its quality being in the least impaired, in fact improves every day. A good strong grower and large annual cropper. The fruit is black with heavy blue bloom, quality the very best, pulp tender and skin tough and will hang a long time after gathering without dropping from the bunch. Berries larger than Delaware, but with the same unsurpassed flavor.

Campbell's Early—A very strong, vigorous, hardy vine, with thick, healthy, mildew-resisting foliage and perfect self-fertilizing blossoms; always setting its fruit well, and bearing abundantly. Clusters very large, usually shouldered, compact and handsome, without being unduly crowded. Berries large, nearly round, often an inch or more in diameter; black with light purple bloom; skin thin but very tenacious, bearing handling and shipping admirably. Flavor rich, sweet, slightly vinous; pure with no foxiness, coarseness or unpleasant acidity from the skin to the center. Flesh rather firm but tender and of equal consistency, parting easily from its few and small seeds. As more than one-third of the people do not and will not swallow grape seeds, we consider this a strong point in its favor. Its season is very early; often showing color late in July, in Ohio. It has very remarkable keeping qualities. Has hung upon the vines this fall sound and perfect for six weeks.

McPike—(Mammoth Grape). The McPike is a seedling of the Worden and Concord and partakes of all the good qualities of these two grapes to a marked degree. Perfectly hardy, with a leaf unprecedented; it is earlier than the Concord, bunches large, even and compact; berries even in size, covered with a beautiful bloom, blue-black in color; ripens uniformly and has generally the appearance of the Worden. The berries are of mammoth size being three inches in circumference.

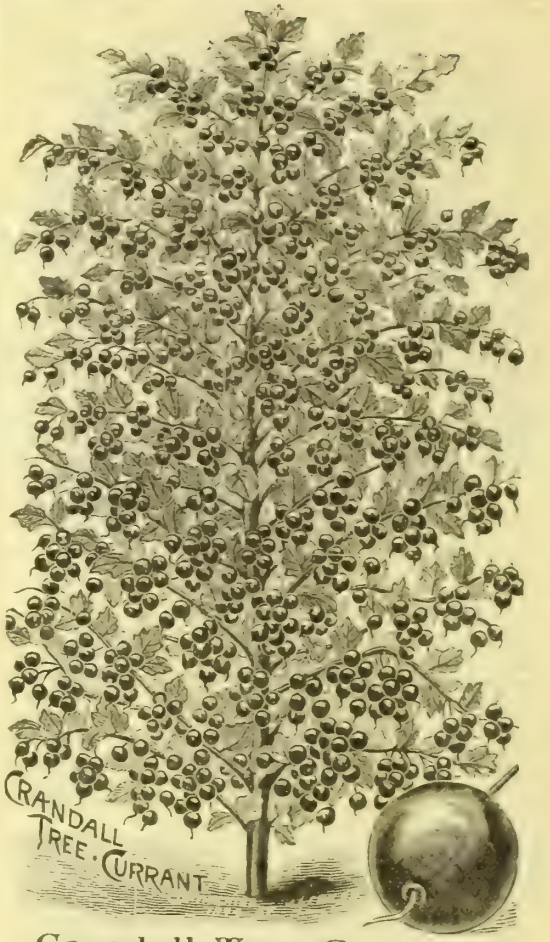
Lucile—Ripens early, and is of a beautiful bright red color; large and compact as Worden and of nearly the same shape. Its skin is thin but tough, and is therefore a good shipper. It never drops its berries; is sweet, very much like that of Wyoming Red. It is a most vigorous grower and enormous bearer, equal to the Niagara in this respect.

30c. each; the 4 for $1.00; 3 of each for $2.50.

The Wonderful McKinley Grape.

This is a really sensational new early white grape. As large as Niagara and productive, strong grower, and robust foliage. It is a cross between a Niagara and Moore's Early. It is fully ten days earlier than Niagara side by side. Bunches very large and compact, very sweet with no acid around the seeds and puckery taste in the skin. It is the coming Early Grape for home and market use. It has remarkable keeping qualities, and hanging on the vines sound and perfect for six weeks or more after ripening, with no tendency to shell off or fall from the stems. As good a shipper as any other American Grape.

Fine strong vines, 50c. each; 6 for $2.50.



Crandall Tree Currant.

We were the first to call general attention to this most excellent fruit, and for several years now it has had with us a tremendous sale, and as far as we have heard has in every instance proved greatly satisfactory. It is a strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of four to five feet and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow further five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large, black fruit, nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor, common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant, combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year, and certainly will yield a crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in clusters of four to twelve, and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe, and it is, in fact, exempt from all insects ravages.

PRICE—*30c. each; 3 for 50c.; $1.50 per dozen.*

4 Leading Grapes for 50c.

Among standard grapes none are better than the following four, representing 4 different colors, white, black, red and yellow.

Early Ohio—This is the earliest of all Grapes; originated at Euclid, Ohio, in 1882. It has borne large crops every year since, ripening in 1889 the 15th of August, and always as early as the 20th of the month, fully one week to ten days earlier than Moore's Early. It is fully three times as productive as Moore's Early, and better in quality.

Moyer—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is, perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape.

Niagara—The leading white Grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious, there being but few varieties which can equal it.

Golden Pocklington—A very sweet and delicious Grape of a beautiful amber color. Hardy, vigorous, productive.

The four sorts for 50c.; $1.25 per dozen.

Dwarf Figs.

A most popular and easily kept tub plant that will beautify the lawn or veranda all summer, and winter safely in the cellar, although, with slight protection, it is hardy in the latitude of New York.

Brown Turkey—Good grower, with a luxuriant growth of large, wide leaves, and bearing at a year old an abundance of sweet, pulpy fruit, unsurpassed for eating fresh. They are also very fine for preserving or pickling, or to dry. South of the Middle States can be grown in the open ground. Here, on Long Island, they are hardy out doors, if protected during winter. Nothing more luscious than Figs, fresh from the tree, especially when eaten with cream, like Strawberries. Brown Turkey is large, oblong, dark brown; rich and delicious flavor; very productive, often bearing three crops in a season. A two-year-old tree of this sort bore over two hundred fine Figs. The hardiest and best Fig for garden or pots.

Fig, Hirtu Du Japan—This notable variety, imported from Japan, deserves high praise. It is of compact, hardy growth. Indeed, it is a dwarf Fig, making little wood. Its immense load of fruit is astonishing, and it is nearer a perpetual bearer than any other. The purple Figs are of medium size. The flesh is white, but with brown specks of imperfect seed and cream tinted heart. For the South, this is one of the best varieties for the garden, yielding twice as much fruit to a given surface as any other variety. The ideal Fig for pot culture in the North.

35c. each; the 2 for 60c.

Chestnut, Japan Giant.

Introduced recently from Japan, and a Chestnut of enormous size, the nuts averaging four to six times larger than our American variety, and it is not unusual for burrs to contain four to seven of these large, perfect nuts. They are almost sure to commence bearing the second year after planting, no matter how small the tree may be. They mature their fruit early, and it drops at the first touch of frost. Enormously prolific, tree highly ornamental, and will prove an attractive and novel thing on anyone's place, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Eleagnus Longipes.

This is a new fruit from Japan, and was, we think, first seen in fruit at the summer residence of Mr. Chas. A. Dana, late editor of the New York *Sun*. For two or three years many people have been to see it and to taste it, and it seems that no one ever tires of praising it. It has fruited elegantly in our own grounds now for several years, and as a rare or fancy fruit, it is one that is sure to delight its possessor. It is a shrub, fruiting when only three or four feet high, and probably never exceeds five or six feet when full grown. The fruit is borne in quantity the whole length of the branches, is oblong or olive shape, and about the color of a dark red Cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly and more luscious than the Cherry. It ripens in July and August, and the fruit remains in good condition a long time before dropping. The bush is perfectly hardy and robust. **Price, 20c. each; 6 for $1.00**

GIANT PROLIFIC GOOSEBERRY

Gooseberries.

This is a berry which in England holds first place, and is more extensively grown than any other small fruit, excepting only the Strawberry. It is not grown in this country to the extent it ought to be, mainly owing, we judge, to the poor quality of the varieties in general cultivation.

Josslyn—A pure American variety, first tested some 10 years ago, and now established as the most healthy and vigorous Gooseberry in cultivation. It is a most prolific bearer, and the berries are very large and handsome, being, when ripe, a deep red color. It absolutely will not mildew.

Industry—A Gooseberry of strong, vigorous growth, freedom from mildew or other diseases, and large handsome fruit of delicious quality. The berries are dark cherry in color, and when ripe are rich and sugary.

25c. each; 5 of each for $1.00; or $2.00 per dozen.

New Giant Prolific Gooseberry.

A seedling originating near Floral Park, and has been fruited for several years. For hardiness and vigor of growth, freedom from mildew, size and quality of fruit, it has no equal. Berries very large, light amber in color when ripe; sweet and pulpy, of enormous size and borne in a profusion never before seen. This is not an idle claim—it is by far the most superb Gooseberry known. Stock limited. 75c. each; 4 for $2.00.

Japan Walnut.

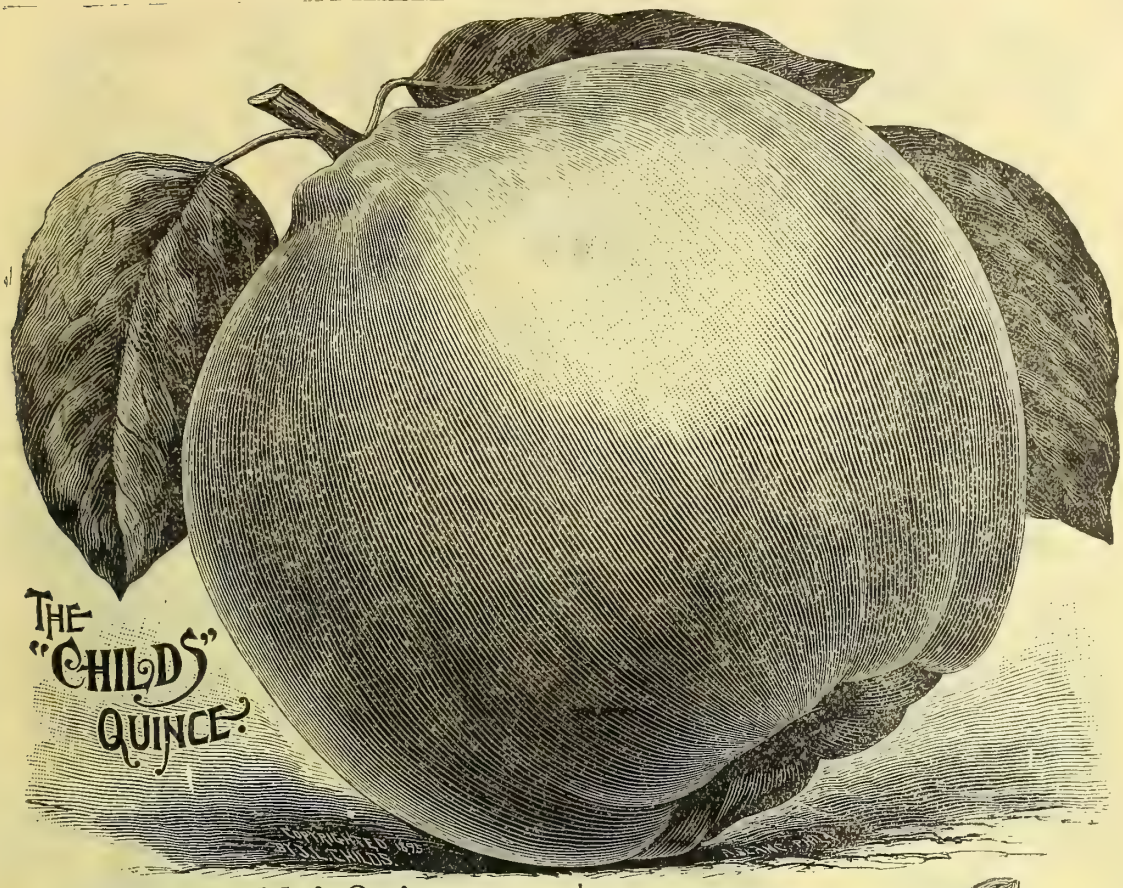
This valuable new nut from Japan is just coming into market. Like the Japan Chestnut, the trees bear when very small, and bear abundantly, the nuts being produced in large clusters of fifteen or twenty. The shell is much thinner than the Black Walnut, and the meat sweeter and more delicious, with a flavor like Butternut, but less oily and much superior. The tree is a vigorous, rapid grower, and highly ornamental, having large crops when very young and small. One of the most valuable trees for any place. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00; 7 for $2.00.

Giant Russian Mulberry.

FINE FOR FRUIT AND ORNAMENT.

In the first place, it is decidedly ornamental, and in the next place it bears for at least ten weeks each season a never-ending succession of sweet, black fruits, like a Blackberry. We know no other tree that bears such enormous loads of fruit as does this. A tree ten feet high will have bushels of berries on it. The fruit is very sweet and juicy, fine for eating out of hand, or by the addition of a little acid, fine for pies or as a sauce. But its chief value is as a vineyard and orchard protector. No danger of grapes, late cherries, or other fruits being molested while there are plenty of Russian Mulberries near, for all birds and fowl prize its honeyed sweetness far above more acid fruits. Be sure and plant plenty of these trees for your poultry and bird friends. Price of thrifty young trees, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00; 30 for $2.00; 100 for $5.00, either by mail or express. Larger ones can be sent by express than by mail

Seed—We can supply seed of this new Russian Mulberry at 10c. per paper. From seed, trees grow several feet the first year, and fruit in three or four years. They make a fine grove.

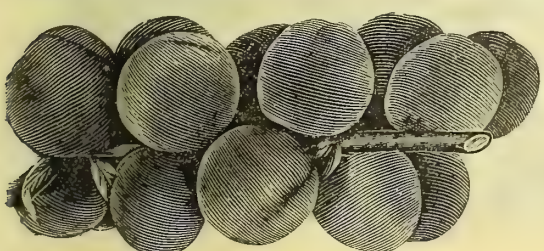


The Childs' Quince.

This is a most remarkable new sort, as it is an improvement over all varieties of Quinces. The fruit grows to an enormous size, larger than the biggest Apples. In shape it is nearly round, resembling an Apple very much, with smooth skin. It is of very mild, pleasant flavor, so much so that when ripe, it is delicious to eat raw from the hand, as one would eat a good Apple. For cooking it is superb. Its flesh is so tender, that it will cook or stew as readily as an apple, and in less time. The tree is a luxuriant grower, with heavy foliage, and bears enormously, beginning when they stand in the nursery rows. 50c. each; 5 for $2.00.

The Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry.

This is one of the most productive of fruits. It is not uncommon to pick 15 to 20 quarts of fruit from a three-year-old bush, and 80 cherries have been counted on a branch 12 inches in length, from a two-year-old bush. The fruit, when ripe, is jet-black, and of a size as shown in the cut. In flavor, it is much like the sweet cherries; when ripe, is conceded superior to any other variety. It is ornamental as well as useful, both in flower and fruit. It bears every year, grows to a height of four feet, and has never been affected by insect or disease. On account of its small growth it can be grown in a little space, where there would not be room to plant a larger growing Cherry or other tree, and is a superb thing to plant on the lawn or among shubbery. As it blooms and bears fruit when only a foot high, it may be grown in a pot, if desired, like the Otaheite Orange. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.



DWARF JAPANESE PEACH, SEE PAGE 147.

Childs' True Bismarck Apple.

Introduced a few years ago, but true stock has been very scarce, so much so that we never dared tell the whole truth about this wonderful Apple, as our stock was not sufficient to supply the demand. It is a pity that much spurious stock has been sold, and many people who think they have the Bismarck Apple, know nothing about the merits of the true variety, which was introduced in America by us. Our stock this year is sufficient for all demands, and we now tell you just what the true Bismarck is. A dwarf Apple, fruiting generally the second year from grafts, even on trees only 12 to 18 inches high, and may be grown in flower pots. Size of fruit 15 inches in circumference, weight 18 ounces, color light green, with bright crimson on exposed side. Above cuts made from photographs of trees three years old, 8,000 blossoms on a 5 foot tree, 1½ bushels mammoth apples on a 4 foot tree. In our Bismarck orchard are 100 trees of this sort. Smallest Apple tree known; largest fruit known. A perfect wonder. A most unique lawn or garden tree, or as a pot or tub plant it will astonish everyone. Year old trees, many of which will fruit at once, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

4 New Early Fruits.

SHOWN IN COLORS ON BACK COVER.

These are 4 very valuable new fruits, and the earliest of their kinds yet known.

Juneripe Peach — Ripens in June. Very large and handsome and fine. Offered on this page.

Fourth of July Plum—Ripens early in July. See offer below.

Gardena Dewberry—Ripens in May and June. See page 139.

Morning Star Strawberry—See page 141.

FOURTH OF JULY PLUM.

New Japan Plums.

Fourth of July—This is admirably represented by colored sketch on cover. It is an enormously prolific Plum, of medium size, and very beautiful. Quality, extra fine, rich, juicy and highly flavored, but its point of greatest value is its extreme earliness. It ripens at end of June or early in July, and has been most appropriately named, Fourth of July. No other Plum ripens so extremely early, and it is, therefore, of immense value. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00; 15 for $3.00.

Juicy—Skin thin and transparent, light yellow, underlaid with scarlet—as beautiful as wax. In quality it seems to us that there is no other fruit that can approach it. It has a delicious sweetness, mingled with a slight acid and a high, melting Plum flavor, surpassing anything we ever saw. Tree is a hardy, luxuriant grower, though of dwarfish habit. It blooms so late in spring that frost never injures the crop. It begins to bear when very small—trees scarcely three feet high often producing large crops. When of fair size it is an enormous yielder, and the fruit ripens early. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

New Early Peach, Juneripe.

This great novelty is offered now for the first time. By far the earliest Peach known and by far the best of all early Peaches. In the latitude of New York it begins to ripen end of June, and unlike other early sorts the fruit is very large, handsome and delicious. Color deep rich velvety crimson, mingled with beautiful creamy yellow. It is the richest colored peach ever grown. Quality first class in every respect, and about a month earlier in ripening than any other Peach. Very hardy, vigorous, and a sure annual bearer. We have fruited this Peach for three years and can strongly recommend it in every particular. Size and quality much ahead of any other early sort. 1 year trees 40c. each; 3 for $1.00; 7 for $2.00. 2 year trees. 80c. each; 3 for $2.00.

Four Finest Peaches.

There is no tree which makes a more rapid growth and comes into bearing sooner after planting than the Peach. Trees small enough to go by mail will bear in three years, and their cost is so little that every home in our land should be abundantly supplied with this most valuable fruit.

Everbearing—This is one of the most remarkable of Peaches, as it combines many desirable qualities which makes it of great value for family use. 1—Its long-continued bearing periods. The first ripening being about July, and successive crops are produced until the beginning of November. Fruit in all stages of development—ripe and half-grown may be seen upon the tree at the same time. Two-year-old trees bear freely. The fruit is a creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and with pink veins, oblong in shape, and tapering to the apex; flesh white with red veined near the skin; very juicy, vigorous and of excellent flavor; quality very best. Fine for the South.

Holderbaum — This champion of all Peaches originated in 1880 in Somerset, Pennsylvania, one of the highest and coldest points on the Alleghany Mountains, where the mercury often drops to 28 degrees below zero. The original tree is now 25 feet high and 10 inches in diameter at the base, with foliage surpassing anything ever before seen in the nature of a Peach. The leaves are of a dark, heavy green, measuring from 8 to 10 inches in height. It has one valuable advantage in the peculiar character of its blossoms, which never open out like those of other varieties, but remain closed, with a heavy growth of moss-like fuzz covering the young Peach and protecting it from heavy spring frosts. The size of the matured fruit is immense, many specimens measuring from 12 to 14 inches in circumference. In color it is a light cream-yellow, with a beautiful red cheek on the sunny side. In texture it is very firm, of fine quality, and a perfect freestone. The pit is very small and the flesh light yellow, streaked with red from the surface to the center, and of most exquisite flavor. It ripens about August 15, thus making it one of the earliest of all freestone varieties. For hardiness, vigorous growth and long life, it is certainly a wonderful Peach.

Champion—Fruit very large, often 10 inches in circumference. Flavor most delicious, juicy, sweet and rich, surpassing most other varieties. Color, a beautiful creamy white, with a bright red cheek, most strikingly handsome in appearance. Its season of ripening is medium early. It is the largest, finest and most satisfactory standard sort grown. We have an orchard of 300 fruiting trees of this variety. It has proved to be the most valuable market sort. Our fruit sold last season at 4c. each in quantity at wholesale. We have 250 Champion trees which bore their first crop the past season, and from which we picked 300 bushels of fine fruit that we sold in N. Y. City at a price that netted a little over three cents for each fruit.

Dwarf Japanese—Very early, maturing in about eight weeks from time of blooming. It is a dwarf-growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree, one year planted matured twenty-four fine specimens. The blooming season is late, making it free from danger by frosts. Fruit large, beautiful crimson and yellow, heavily overlaid with red. The flesh is rich, juicy and of most excellent quality and of blood-red color. It is the most fragrant of all Peaches, a single specimen being enough to perfume a whole room. It requires so little room that it may be grown on the lawn or in any nook or corner which would not accommodate a larger variety.

Price of above 4 grand Peaches, 25c. each; the 4 for 80c.; $1,60 per dozen. Fine trees by mail, or larger ones by express.

A. BAKER, Granbury, Texas, Aug. 9th says: "The fruit trees I bought four years ago are all alive and I cannot praise your Dwarf Japanese Peach enough. It withstood our late springs frosts and it was a marvel of beauty, ripening with the earliest of the early Apricots. $20 would not buy the two trees I have."

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